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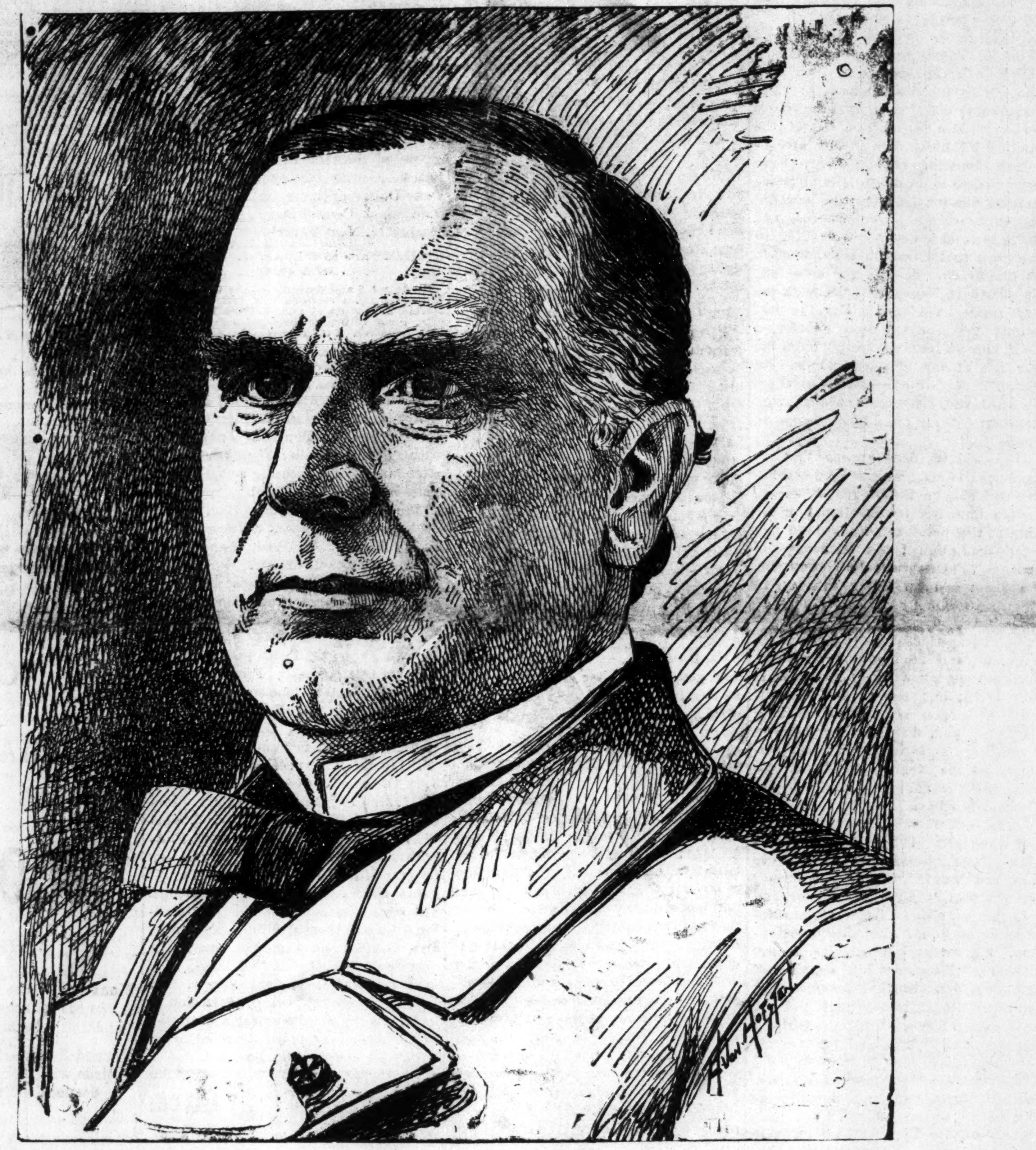

HON. WILLIAM M'KINLEY,
Champion of Protection and the next President of the United States.

BLACK LAWS IN LOUISIANA

THE THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS,

If Enforced, Will Protect all the Civil Rights That Pertain to Freedom and Citizenship—Justice Harlan's Dissenting Opinion.

[CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.]

[Homer Adolph Plessy, plaintiff in error, vs. John H. Ferguson. In error to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana.]

The white race deems itself to be the dominant race in this country. And so it is in prestige, in achievements, in education, in wealth and in power. So, I doubt not, it will continue to be for all time, if it remains true to its great heritage and holds fast to the principles of constitutional liberty. But in view of the constitution, in the eye of the law, there is in this country no superior, dominant, ruling class of citizens. There is no caste here. Our constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law. The humblest is the peer of the most powerful. The law regards man as man, and takes no account of his surroundings or of his color when his civil rights as guaranteed by the supreme law of the land are involved. It is, therefore, to be regretted that this high tribunal, the final expositor of the fundamental law of the land, has reached the conclusion that it is competent for a state to regulate the enjoyment by citizens of their civil rights solely upon the basis of race.

In my opinion, the judgment this day rendered will, in time, prove to be quite as pernicious as the decision made by this tribunal in the Dred Scott case. It was adjudged in that case that the descendants of Africans who were imported into this country and sold as slaves were not included nor intended to be included under the word "citizens" in the constitution, and could not claim any of the rights and privileges which that instrument provided for and secured to citizens of the United States; that at the time of the adoption of the constitution they were "considered as a subordinate and inferior class of beings, who had been subjugated by the dominant race, and, whether emancipated or not, yet remained subject to their authority, and had no rights or privileges but such as those who held the power and the government might choose to grant them. 17 How. 393, 404. The recent amendments of the constitution, it was supposed, had eradicated these principles from our institutions. But it seems that we have yet, in some of the States, a dominant race—a superior class of citizens, which assumes to regulate the enjoyment of civil rights, common to all citizens upon the basis of race. The present decision, it may well be apprehended, will not only stimulate aggressions, more or less brutal and irritating, upon the admitted rights of colored citizens, but will encourage the belief that it is possible, by means of state enactments, to defeat the beneficent purposes which the people of the United States had in view when they adopted the recent amendments of the constitution, by one of which the blacks of this country were made citizens of the United States and of the states in which they respectively reside, and whose privileges and immunities, as citizens, the states are forbidden to abridge. Sixty millions of whites are in no danger from the presence here of eight millions of blacks. The destinies of the two races, in this country, are indissolubly linked together, and the interest of both require that the common government of all shall not permit the seeds of race hate to be planted under the sanction of law. What can more certainly arouse race hate, what more certainly create and perpetuate a feeling of distrust between these races than state enactments, which, in fact, proceed on the ground that colored citizens are so inferior and degraded that they cannot be allowed to sit in public coaches occupied by white citizens? That, as all will admit, is the real meaning of such legislation as was enacted in Louisiana.

The sure guarantee of the peace and security of each race is the clear, distinct, unconditional recognition by our governments, National and state, of every right that inheres in civil freedom, and of the equality before the law of all citizens of the United States without regard to race. State enactments, regulating the enjoyment of civil rights, upon the basis of race, and cunningly devised to defeat legitimate results of the war, under the pretense of recognizing equality of rights, can have no other results than to render permanent peace impossible and to keep alive a conflict of races, the continuance of which must do harm to all concerned. This question is not met by the suggestion that socially equality cannot exist between the white and black races in this country. That argument, if it can be properly regarded as one, is scarcely worthy of consideration; for social equality no more exists between two races when traveling in a passenger coach or a public highway than when members of the same races sit by each other in a street car or in the jury box, or stand or sit with each other in a political assembly, or when they use in common the streets of a city or town, or when they are in the same room for the purpose of having their names placed on the registry of voters, or when they approach the ballot-box in order to exercise the high privilege of voting.

There is a race so different from our own that we do not permit those belodging to it to become citizens of the United States. Persons belonging to it are, with few exceptions, absolutely excluded from our country. I allude to the Chinese race. But by the statute in question, a Chinaman can ride in the same passenger coach with white citizens of the United States, while citizens of the black race in Louisiana, many of whom, perhaps, risked their lives for the preservation of the Union, who are entitled, by law, to participate in the political control of the state and nation, who are not excluded, by law or by reason of their race, from public stations of any kind, and who have all the legal rights that belong to white citizens, are yet declared to be criminals, liable to imprisonment, if they ride in a public coach occupied by the citizens of the white race. It is scarcely just to say that a colored citizen should not object to occupying a public coach assigned to his own race. He does not object, nor, perhaps, would he object to separate coaches for his race, if his rights under the law were recognized. But he does object, and he ought never to cease objecting, that citizens of the white and black races can be adjudged criminals because they sit, or claim the right to sit, in the same public coach on a public highway. The arbitrary separation of citizens, on the basis of race, while they are on a public highway, is a badge of servitude wholly inconsistent with the civil freedom and the equality before the law established by the constitution. It cannot be justified upon any legal grounds.

If evils will result from the co-mingling of the two races upon public highways established for the benefit of all, they will be infinitely less than those that will surely come from state legislation regulating the enjoyment of civil rights upon the basis of race. We boast of the freedom enjoyed by our people above all other people. But it is difficult to reconcile that boast with a state of the law which, practically, puts the brand of servitude and degradation upon a large class of our fellow-citizens, our equals before the law. The thin disguise of "equal" accommodations for passengers in railroad coaches will not mislead anyone, nor atone for the wrong this day done.

The result of the whole matter is, that while this court has frequently adjudged, and at the present term has recognized the doctrine, that a state cannot, consistently with the Constitution of the United States, prevent white and black citizens, having the required qualification for jury service, from sitting in the same jury box, it is now solemnly held that a state may prohibit white and black citizens from sitting in the same passenger coach on a public highway, or may require that they be separated by a "partition" when in the same passenger coach. May it not now be reasonably expected that astute men of the dominant race, who affect to be disturbed at the possibility that the integrity of the white race may be corrupted, or that its supremacy will be imperiled, by contact on public highways with black people, will endeavor to procure statutes requiring white and black jurors to be separated in the jury box by a "partition," and that, upon retiring from the court room to consult as to their verdict, such partition, if it be a movable one, shall be taken to their consultation room, and set up in such a way as to prevent black jurors from coming too close to their brother juror of the white race. If the "partition" used in the court room happens to be stationary, provision could be made for screens with openings through which jurors of the two races could confer as to their verdict without coming in personal contact with each other. I cannot see but that, according to the principles this day announced, such state legislation, although conceived in hostility to, and enacted for the purpose of humiliating citizens of the United States of a particular race, would be held to be consistent with the constitution.

I do not deem it necessary to review the decisions of state courts to which reference was made in argument. Some, and the most important of them are wholly inapplicable, because rendered prior to the adoption of the last amendment of the constitution, when colored people had very few rights which the dominant race felt obliged to respect. Others were made at a time when public opinion, in many localities, was dominated by an institution of slavery; when it would not have been safe to do justice to the black man; and when, so far as the rights of blacks were concerned, race prejudice was, practically, the supreme law of the land. Those decisions cannot be guides in the era introduced by the recent amendments of the supreme law, which established universal civil freedom, gave citizenship to all born or naturalized in the United States and residing here, obliterated the race line from our system of government, national and state, and placed our free institutions upon the broad and sure foundation of the equality of all men before the law.

I am of opinion that the statute of Louisiana is inconsistent with the personal liberty of citizens, white and black, in that state, and hostile to both the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the United States. If laws of like character shou [illegible] acted in the several states of the union, the effect would be in the highest degree mischievous. Slavery, as an institution tolerated by law would, it is true, have disappeared from our country, but there would remain a power in the states, by sinister legislation, to interfere with the full enjoyment of the blessings of freedom; to regulate civil rights, common to all citizens, upon the basis of race; and to place in a condition of legal inferiority a large body of American citizens, now constituting a part of the political community called the people of the United States, for whom and by whom, through representatives, our government is administered. Such a system is inconsistent with the guarantee given by the constitution to each state of a republican form of government, and may be stricken down by congressional action, or by the courts in the discharge of their solemn duty to maintain the supreme law of the land, anything in the constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding.

For the reasons stated, I am constrained to withhold my assent from the opinion and judgment of the majority.

We Must Claim the Honor.

In your issue of the 13th appeared an article written by Rev. J. M. Henderson, of New York City, reviewing the work of the recent General Conference of the A. M. E. church, at Wilmington, N. C. In referring to the advanced step taken in electing two laymen to general offices, he asks: "What other Afro-American church has been as liberal?" Since he questions "without any intention of making an assertion," I answer without any intention to start a controversy, but to give honor to the church deserving it for "being the first to take so great a stride forward;" that the A. M. E. Zion church elected at its General Conference in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1892, Hon. John C. Dancy, a layman, editor of the Connectional Quarterly, and Prof. S. G. Atkins, another layman, educational secretary—this act making both general officers. According to what Rev. Henderson says the A. M. E. Zion church "will claim the honor as her own." For information, I will state that Zion was the first among the Methodist Episcopal churches to grant to the laity representation in the annual and general conferences.

E. D. W. JONES.

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SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE TENNESSEE STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD

In the City of Chattanooga, Wednesday, June 10th, with Prof. F. G. Smith in the Chair—Welcomed by Mayor Ochs.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The State Teachers' Association of Tennessee met in Chattanooga, Tenn,, Wednesday, June 10th, with Prof. F. G. Smith, president, in the chair. The meeting was held in the First Baptist church. Welcome addresses were delivered by Mayor Geo. W. Ochs on behalf of the city; Commissioner T. S. Pitts for the schools, and Rev. M. Vann on behalf of the citizens. Responses were made by President Smith and Prof. J. L. Cook, of Athens. In the afternoon two papers were read, one by A. J. Tabb, of Chattanooga, subject, "The four factors in school work," and one by Miss Betty Todd, of Fayetteville, subject, "Dangers of adopting extremes." Both were pronounced able productions. Miss Todd's especially, elicited much spirited discussion.

Rev. J. A. Jones, of Fayetteville, called attention to the fact that no account was being taken of the session by the race papers, and then offered a resolution that representatives of different Negro journals be appointed to report the doings of the session to said leading papers. The following persons were elected: Rev. J. A. Jones, Freeman; W. H. Russel, Knoxville Gleaner; Miss Ida M. Lane, Christian Index; Rev. W. H. Franklin, New York Age; Prof. J. A. Henry, Southern School Journal; Prof. J. L. Cook, Negro Educational Journal.

Probably the most interesting feature of the second day's session was the model recitation in geography, by Miss Edith M. Caldwell, of Nashville. A model recitation on reading, conducted by Miss Lizzie Smith, of Nashville, is also deserving of special mention. It was highly enjoyed by all. "The requisites for success in teaching," was an interesting paper read by Rev. R. T. Brown, of Jackson. His paper called many prominent educators to their feet to discuss it. Prof. A. R. Merry bore away the palm of the convention when he read his paper on "The home and the school." Many pronounced it the ablest paper of the convention. Prof. Merry is considered one of the brightest in the state.

Prof. J. A. Henry, of Chattanooga, presented probably the most interesting paper of the convention, and this, on account of the nature of his subject, viz: "A State Normal School for Colored Teachers." It consisted of an arraignment of the powers that be, for negligence to provide for state institutes for the colored people of the state, and a criticism against the colored people for indifference with reference to urging their claim along these lines. Prof. W. H. Council, of Normal, Ala., electrofied the audience with a neat speech, touching upon the subject then under discussion. State Superintendent, S. G. Gibreath, whose turn it was to speak at this hour came forward, amid cheers from the convention, and made a telling speech. He promised substantial aid in the way of seeing that the colored teachers get their pro rata of the money appropriated for Normal instruction. He stated that if the colored people asked for aid they would get it. This announcement was greeted with applause. The Committee on Necrology presented resolutions in respect to the memory of Dr. H. D. Carter, who died in Dec. 1895 at Nashville.

The third day's session was peculiarly interesting. Model recitations in arithmetic and language were conducted by Miss M. V. Guthrie and Mrs. Laura P. Allen of Nashville. In the afternoon Prof. T. L. Jones of Nashville read an interesting paper, subject, "The Primary Teacher as a Student of Child Nature," and Rev. J. E. Smith entertained the association by the presentation of the subject, "Higher Education of the Negro." Prof. A. R. Merry offered a resolution complimentary to the state superintendent for his efficient service and assiduous labors as a school affair. Rev. J. A. Jones offered a series of resolutions, looking to the appointment of a commitee to memoralize the next legislature and communicate with the state superintendent with reference to receiving state aid for Normal institutes among the Negroes. The resolution was prompted by the statement of the state superintendent the day before. The following committee was appointed: Rev. R. T. Brown, Rev. J. A. Jones, Prof. W. J. Hale, Prof. F. G. Smith, Prof. J. A. Henry. The committee on nominations recommended the following as officers of the association for the ensuing year and they were declared elected. J. A. Henry, President; W. J. Hale, Secretary; Miss E. M Caldwell, Cor. secretary; F. G. Smith Treasurer. Fifteen vice-presidents were also elected. The Association will hold its next annual session in Nashville. A grand banquet was tendered by the local teachers and citizens of Chattanooga, to the visitors. It was an elaborate affair. It was an occassion long to be remembered by all who attended.

Children's Day Exercises.

Pierce Station, Tenn., Special.

Children's Day was observed here, and the manner in which the little folks acquitted themselves reflects great credit on the church. Geo. F. Browder superintendent of our Sabbath school conducted the exercises. There were recitations by the scholars, among whom were the Misses Pattons, James, Pierces, Johnsons and many others. A lecture was given by our worthy Sunday school teacher, J. H. Browder. He is a self-made young man. The Freeman is the mouth-piece for every intelligent Negro and should be found in every home.

IRREPRESSIBLE DURABILITY

OF THE CONCRETE, VS. THE ABSTRACT PRINCIPLE IN

Leadership—By Rev. Cæsar A. A. Taylor, D. D., Ph. D., Pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church, Citra, Florida.

"Weep not for me, but for yourselves and children."

These memorable words of our Great Leader were spoken to the mothers at Jerusalem on the occasion when the world's Redeemer had been betrayed by the cruel ingratitude, and was being led away to execution. Observing the life and teachings of Christ from the advent down to the occasion referred to above, we are forced to admit how typical of all leadership was His, the world's great leader. Every great movement, whether the emancipation of the people from some unjust infliction of government, or for the reformation of the morals and manners of society, has met with deep rooted opposition at its incipiency. We often misinterpret the situation in supposing that the reformer is opposed, while in reality it is the reform. Thus light is shed upon the declaration of Christ, i. e., Those who oppose that which is intended for the whole people's good; those who attempt to thwart efforts made in the interest of the whole people; those who, by noisy demonstration, by disrespectful inattention or otherwise choke off, or attempt to muzzle those who speak or labor to the whole people's advancement, inflict upon the people an injury terrible in significance, and often an injury irreparable in its far reaching consequences; in that they delay and hinder the people's coming deliverance. Yea, they sometimes prevent the desired reform, or they make impossible the emancipation of the masses. The movement is stopped, the reform is stayed, but the reformer is unconquered. Yea, he is victorious even in death, for they alone are the defeated who surrender their convictions, and the true leader never surrenders his convictions. He may die, but his convictions live, his death being necessary to life. Read 1 Corinthians 4th chapter, and especially the 12th verse of that chapter.

Then how essential was the death of the world's greatest leader, man's Savior, humanity's deliverer. He goes to be crowned in the world of the victorious. It is He who shall welcame all leaders of earth to the kingdom, where just men are made perfect. It is He who shall welcome they who now live by faith, hoping for what they do not see, accepting through an eye of faith. Had Christ come among the people representing a different principle, He would have been differently received, but no, He stood for a principle which was diametrically opposed to the morals, manners, customs, creeds and ceremonies then extant; and to effect the reform, He threw Himself into the breach. As a mighty means to a great end, His entire life and teachings embodied a concrete living principle hurled as a mighty boulder against every trust and doctrine advanced to confuse, beguile and mislead the people. Hence the mighty opposition apparently directed against the man, while in truth it was against the reforms which He came to institute, but all in vain, for right will win in spite of might. Yea, right is bound to carry the day, even as truth crushed to earth will rise again.

To-day this hydra-headed foe to right is not more in evidence than among the American Negroes, many of whom are ungrateful toward their leaders, ingratious because of ignorance.

Right here conscientious candidness compells an admittal that there appears some truth in the fearful arraignment of the American Negro by Eugene L. Didier, of Baltimore, as appeared recently in the Globe, a Quarterly Review of literature, society, religion, art and politics, published in New York City. Among other things Mr. Didier said: "The Negro, in fact, is a natural born and habitual liar; he lies without cause; he lies without reason; he lies directly; he lies indirectly; he lies unceasingly; he lies unnecessarily; he lies always; he lies at all times and under all circumstances; he lies when he knows he will be found out the next minute. Lying is as natural with the Negro as stealing, and in both he is an accomplished adept. The Negro, in fact, is shiftless, shameless, brutal, deceitful, dishonest, untruthful, revengeful, ungrateful, immoral. Left to himself, the Negro is an inevitable enemy to progress. Left to himself, he is a savage everywhere He is worse than a savage in name and fact, as in Africa; a savage in fact as in Hayti, a savage in name and in fact as in some portions of the South; a savage in fact in the North.

"As a race they have proved themselves incapable of intellectual culture. Their dull African brains are incapable of receiving the education which makes the white race the dominant race of the world. The brand of inferiority placed upon the black man by the Eternal God four thousand years ago, has been indelible, irremovable, everlasting. It was placed there to stay and has stayed. It was placed there by God and God has kept it there. It is not the black skin alone which distinguishes the Negro from the white man, as it is his black nature."

Oh God, and angels, how dreadful! how fearful!! and yet how eternally true. You know, reader, even as I know, that ingratitude, treachery, double-dealing, tale-bearing, tattling, back-biting, lying, going to law one with another for nothing but revenge, backed up with lies, are parent sins in Negroes all around us. Oh God, how fearful! I know and you know it.

I have mingled with the Negro in politics a little, and in matters religious and business, and with aching heart and tearful eyes, must confess that I fear it is a truth, which Mr. Didier further says: "The Negro has been here nearly three hundred years, but he is still an alien and will be to the end. Why? Because he can never assimilate with the white race. All the blood and treasure that has been expended to set the Negro free and put him upon an equality with the white man, has been thrown away. The Negro is now and always will be the servant of the white man.

The relation of master and servant is the only relation that can exist between the white and black races. They have been from the beginning master and servant and so they will be to the end. No change in the constitution can change the immortal laws of God." "The Negro bears upon his face the everlasting curse of God. In intellect he is only one degree above the baboon; in instinct he is below the brute." Wm. H. Thorne, editor of the Globe, makes editorial comment upon Mr. Didier's article, in which he says: "The South must either re-enslave the Negro or export him, drive him out of the land or kill him. The freeing and so-called educating of the Negro have been a curse to the Negro himself; have unfitted him for the work that he could do under certain circumstances, and never have and never can fit him for the work that education is supposed to fit him to do. The Negro, above all, the Southern Negro, will not work except under the lash. For the last twenty years he has been a loafer, a thief, and an immoral fringer upon the fair life of our Southern lands. No law of honor or obligation can enter his skull, and I emphasize the fact that the Negro is an unmitigated curse to the South."

It certainly does appear that no amount of education or refined association can change the Negro as a race, for the immoral, and emotional in the pulpits, the bulldozer, blackguard and rough-shod bully; the trickster and demagogue in politics; the counterfeit, the sham and swindling humbug in other professional life, the oily-tongued scamp in society, the cheat and scoundrel in business crowd to the front for leadership and the masses never weary nor seem to grow wiser no matter what they learn, but receive and embrace them with open arms. The sneaking slanderer and filthy mud-slinger in journalism fatten and flourish on pandering to the Negro's appetite to see each other hounded in public print. Thousnads believe in conjuration, hoodooism, necromancy, fortune-telling, and witchcraft. If they have an incurable disease, immediately they believe they are "fixed," "hurt," "conjured" or "goofooed," And as a doctor you will starve getting a fee from such Negroes unless you humor their superstition. For twenty-three years I have traveled, spoken, written and toiled, shielding, defending and trying to blot out these defects in my race, and my only encouragement for hope is that I myself am a Negro, and the further fact that I have met with some noble exceptions in both learned and unlearned Negro men and women here and there. I have suffered, I have sacrificed until my toes poke out through run down shoes; till my coat was threadbare and my trousers at the high water mark, and my protruding shirt-tails proclaimed my loyalty to my race. Even Negroes high in authority, so-called intelligent Negroes, big Negroes, leading Negroes have made me suffer; they have made my family suffer, and now the question, was I a tool or was I sensible to endure it all? What was I? Oh, I am so weary!

A characteristic of some Negroes which evidences that they were born little and will always be little, is that they are so quick and ready to criticize the heroic sacrifices and well-meant efforts of others. Sometimes we see men and women well clad and otherwise evidencing marks of intelligence, yet, beneath all the exterior favorable appearances is discovered in the inferior man or woman, and vice versa—animals in human attire and in human form only. Again, the crab-in-the-barrel-spirit—when one goes to climb out all the other crabs catch hold and pull him back—seem peculiarly the property of the Negro, and no amonunt of reasoning seems sufficient to eradicate it. This spirit defeated the election of a Negro bishop at the late Methodist Episcopal General Conference. Instead of every other Negro sinking his own individuality and rallying to the support of Dr. Bowen from first to last, as the balloting progressed, several big (?) Negroes thought if Bowen, though a Negro, could poll a large vote they too, had as well enter the race with a hope of getting to the bishopric. Thus the Negroes' weakness in dividing his strength is again evidenced, and the white man as usual carries off the plum while the Negroes knife each other to death, then raise a holy howl, charging the white man as being against them, while in truth the white race is simply doing what the Negroes should do—look out for themselves. In this state in the A. M. E. church, the same "dog in the manger" spirit has been exhibited in a four year's fight, leading up to the last General Conference. Dr. S. H. Coleman, with no chance in the world of being elected to anything in the church at large, would not recognize defeat until the conference floor was wiped up with him in the triumphant election of Dr. M. M. Moore. The Republican party resurrected in this state by me, after eight years burial beneath Democratic trickery and Negro treachery would sweep this state in the next elections, but for this same spirit in Negroes whom I thought to find loyal to leadership, but lo and behold! we now have a divided party awaiting defeat. A hundred Negroes will surrender to one white man, but the only way a Negro with elements of real merit can get to the front among his own is to be like a big bull dog or mastiff among fice and curs—howl them down, thunder them aside—contuse and over-awe them by the giganticness of your proportions. What between the prejudice of the white people, the poverty of the Negroes and their own ingratitude toward their leaders, the Negro leader appears to find it a task to fully emancipate and elevate his people. Hence, the masses of the race have reason to weep not for their leaders, but for themselves and for their children. In an age long ago, he who uttered the words which open this article stood afar off with emaciated frame and sorrowful brow, lifted tear-dimmed eyes toward Jerusalem, while from a throbbing heart welled up and out through quivering lips the despairing cry, "Oh, Jerusalem! Jerusalem! thou that stoneth the prophets; how often would I have gathered thee under my wings, even as a hen gathereth her brood, but ye would not."

Ice Cream Now Made in a Minute.

I have an ice cream freezer that will freeze cream perfectly in one minute; as it is such a wonder a crowd will always be around so any one can make from $5 to $6 a day selling cream, and from $10 to $20 a day selling freezers, as people will always buy an article when it is demonstrated that they can make money by so doing. The cream is frozen instantly and is smooth and free from lumps. I have done so well myself, and have friends succeeding so well that I felt it my duty to let others know of this opportunity, as I feel confident that any person in any locality can make money, as any person can sell cream and the freezer sells itself. W. H. Baird & Co., 140 South Highland Ave. Station A., Pittsburg, Pa., will mail you complete instructions and will employ you on salary, if you can give them your whole time.

A Chance to Make Money.

I have berries, grapes and peaches, a year old, fresh as when picked. I use the California Cold process, do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in ten minutes. Last week I sold directions to over 120 families; anyone will pay a dollar for directions, when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such, and feel confident any one can make one or two hundred dollars, round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and complete directions to any of your readers, for eighteen two cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc., to me.

FRANCIS CASEY, St. Louis, Mo.

Wedding Celebration.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hodge of Niagara Falls, South Ont., celebrated their tin wedding, Thursday night, June 11th. A number of friends from both sides of the river were presents Some valuable presents were received. The out of town guests were Mrs. Cooper of New York, sister of Mr. Hodge, and Mrs. Thompson. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. A pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. L. J. Patterson, 313 Prospect street. The contracting parties were Miss Cora S. Edmunds and W. C. Mullen, both of Toronto. Rev. R. C. Brownlee performed the ceremony. The father of the bride was present and a few friends.

A Chance to Make Money.

In the past three months I have cleared $660.75 selling Dish Washers. I did most of the work; my brother helped some. I expect to do better next month, as every Dish Washer sold advertise itself, and sells several more; I don't have to leave the house. People hear about the Dish Washers and send for them, they are so cheap. Any lady or gentleman can make money in this business, as every family wants a Dish Washer. Any of our readers who have energy enough to apply for an agency can easily make from $8 to $10 per day. You can get full particulars by addressing the Mound City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo. Try it and publish your success for the benefit of others.

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Knoxville News.

Knoxville Tenn., special.

The commencement exercises of the Knoxville College took place Wednesday afternoon There were thirteen graduates from the normal department. There were a number of essays, orations etc.; that by Miss Mary Burk, "Look to the End" being especially good. The commencement of the classical course took place in the College chapel. Thursday morning and was largely attended. There were two graduates from this department. Mr. V. H. Cheatham and J. W. Hunter. Mr. Cheatham had for his subject, "Blood" and delivered an excellent ovation while Mr. Hunter's oration "Our Country and its Flag," contained much food for thought. Rev. J. S. Jones delivered the address to the literary societies and after the presentation of the diplomas by Dr. McCulloch, the audience was dismissed. The Austin High School held its annual commencement last Friday night. The graduating class consisted of six members, namely; Misses Anna Manson, Mary Carter, Laura Broder and Messrs. Frank Kitzmiller, C. T. Dodson and David Broyles. Dr. W. W. Derrick left Thursday for Chattanooga to attend the State Medical Association. Rev. G. W. Clinton, D. D. recently elected Bishop in the A. M. E. Z. church, and who enjoys the proud distinction of being the youngest Bishop in the world, was in the city this week. Bishop Clinton visited Maryville where he preached Tuesday night.

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The State Medical Association.

Chattanooga, Tenn., special.

The Tennessee State Medical Association was organized in the First Congregational church, Thursday June 11th, with a goodly number of physicians in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Dr. T. W. Haigler, president of the local association. Rev. J. J. Jenkins offered prayer. Afterward Dr. T. W. Haigler addressed the convention. On motion of Dr. Derrick, of Knoxville the chair appointed a committee on permanent organization consisting of Drs. Hadley, Andrews and James who retired and afterwards made the following report. President, Dr. A. J. Love, of Chattanooga; First vice pres., Dr. O. W. James, Chattanooga; Second vice pres., Dr. R. Boyd, Nashville; Third vice president, Dr. A. S. J. Burchett, Memphis; Secretary, Dr. Wm. W. Derrick, Knoxville; Cor. sec'y., Dr. J. B. Dickson, Jackson; Treasurer, Dr. T. W. Haigler, Chattanooga; Ex. Committee, Drs. W. A. Hadley, W. T. Noel W. B. Denney, W. R. Baker and F. A. Stewart of Nashville. Committee on programs, Drs J. P. Andrews, O. W. James and L. D. Key, of Chattanooga. The report was adopted and Dr. Haighler, who was then presiding, appointed Drs. Derrick nd James to escort the president elect, Dr. A. J. Love, who made a short but eloquent address. Dr. Haigler moved that this organization be known as the State Medical Association of Tennessee, and it was carried, after which the association adjourned.

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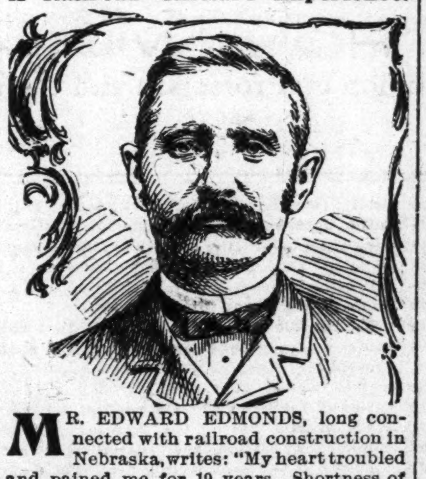

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TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TOLD—THE JOURNALISTIC SHORES

Covered with Wrecks—Lack of Good Management—Cause of Non-Success of Negro Periodicals—A Syndicate Should be Formed.

ARTICLE I.

The shores of the journalistic sea are covered with the wrecks of Negro journals, fine and promising crafts that started in the last fifteen or twenty years to sail upon its stormy waters. They left their several ports with full sails set and some of them well manned with able writers and editors. They all started out "to fill a long felt want" which existed either in the community or the imagination of the editors. These crafts were sooner or later dashed upon the many hidden rocks under the surface of the journalistic waters, long, long, before they reached the haven in which their editors and owners expected to drop anchor.

As I walk along the shores I find the wrecks of many journals that deserved a far better fate, high and dry, recalling to memory the day or year they were launched amid the wonder and praise of the people. Not a few carried down with them as a part of their literary or news-gather's freight, productions from my pen. One Georgia craft suddenly went to the bottom, when the sky seemed clear and the waters smooth, some fifteen years ago, with a story of mine on board, a copy of which I had neglected to make. A goodly number of magazines can be found among the wrecks of recent years, dashed in pieces against the rocks of "Lack-of-Circulation," "Lack-of-Finance," "Lack-of-Good-Management," and the many other "Lack" rocks. I claim the paradoxical title of the oldest young all around newspaper man of color, and am prepared to defend the title against all comers. After a service of twenty years, (during which time I have been in several journalistic shipwrecks, sometimes as an editor and owner and some times as a news-gather) I feel competent to pilot a magazine out of the rocky inlet of uncertainty towards the open sea of usefulness, even if I am not able to steer it into the harbor of financial success. It is therefore my intention to map out in this article a chart for the successful sailing of a National Negro American magazine.

At the close of the war, the newspaper, like the school house, was something new to us, and we were not slow in seeing our need of both. At that time there was but one colored American newspaper that could justly claim to be a national race organ. It was published in New York City; its name was "The Anglo-African." It was started during the stormy days of abolition and its mission was the freedom of the bondmen. Its logical usefulness, therefore, ended when President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. It was too far north to become the national newspaper of the progressive freemen and died an honorable death like an old warrior. From its pyre, phœnix-like, arose The People's Advocate of Washington, D. C., which was for years the undisputed national organ and news transmitter of the race. Local newspapers then began to spring up all over the country to fill "long felt wants," said "long felt wants" often being a desire of the editor or publisher to gain political notice and give the people of his community—the ministers, school teachers and society people—a chance to see their names in print. The liberal editor opened his columns to the public in general and his patrons in particular, and many deep thinkers and race leaders found an outlet for their progressive ideas. Much instructive literary, historic and amusing matter from the pens of our people was published in these papers and—then the papers died one by one from causes known or unknown. Fifteen or eighteen years ago there was no need for a Negro magazine, as the newspapers, national or local, filled the bill; to-day they cannot do it. The few national newspapers we have (and they can be counted on the fingers of one hand without using two fifths of the fingers) have neither time or space to do credit to weighty articles of a literary, historic, scholastic or scientific nature. They have to report the every day doings of the race, its wants, its needs, its demands, to guard its civil rights and fight its every day battles, hence the need of a national high class Negro magazine.

A high class magazine is the monthly encyclopedia of a progressive people; it is the monthly recorder of their advancement and progress in science, art, political economy, social progress, historical researches, song and story. It is the text book of the people in general, and the student of human progress in particular. Before me on my desk, within reach, are copies of five Negro magazines which sailed out "to fill a long felt want" in the past five years. Some of them were fine barks, but all are now wrecks upon the shores of the journalistic sea. What was the cause? Well, the great "A —— Magazine," which flourished for two or three months, was started simply in order that the editor might get in print his "famous" or "great" article which had been rejected by several colored newspaper editors, either because of its lack of merit or on account of the editor's jealousy—uneasiness from the fear that if published its author would rival or outstrip them in the literary field. The publisher or editor never intended to publish more than two numbers of the "A—— Magazine," although he took several yearly subscriptions. The "B—— Magazine" was started by a bright young writer, fresh from school who knew it would pay after the first issue. He spent all the money he could rake and scrape getting out the first number and was surprised that the magazine did not take like wild fire. His magazine was "a good starter," and if he had had money to have kept it a going for six months it would be living to-day. The "C—— Magazine" died because it was not a magazine, but a book form, patent "inside" and "outside," back number newspaper, with old cuts, older stories and a high price. The "D —— Magazine" died because its editor expected every reader to pay for one years subscription, every writer or contributor to pay for his cut, and everybody to come to his office and bring their "adv." The "E—— Magazine" died because its editor was a fool, who, in the language of the New York Press reporter, says Mr. Booker T. Washington used at the Union League Club's banquet, and the language Mr. Booker T. Washington says he didn't use, could have found "a greater scope for his abilities in a blacksmith shop than in congress," or at the desk of a magazine editor, hence at this date there is no living Negro magazine of any kind, good or bad in the United States (The Future State of Kansas City, Mo., being "The last of the Mohicans.")

There is a field of usefulness; there is a lot of honor and distinction and "a barrel of money" awaiting the publishers and editors of an up-to-date, A No. 1 progressive Negro magazine, or even two or three Negro magazines. It, or they must, however, be published by up-to-date business men or syndicates and edited or run by experienced literary people, and I am the self-appointed pilot to show how to steer said magazine or magazines out in successful waters. In the first place, a magazine must be started and conducted upon strictly business principles, and it takes money to conduct any business. Second it takes high class brains to successfully invest money in business. To start a Negro magazine that will live and be a useful success, the company must have enough money to publish it for one year (twelve issues) regardless of subscribers, readers, or advertisers. It must also have enough cash to pay its writers for the year. It must be a magazine of the colored people, by the literary colored people, for the progressive colored people—that is the whole secret in a nutshell. One of the great secrets of non-success of Negro newspapers in general, and Negro magazines in particular, is that their editors or publishers expect authors, writers and correspondents to give their time and money and brain work for nothing—"for the good of the race" or the empty honor of seeing their name in print and their pennings jumbled up in a back number style (for it is a wise Negro author or correspondent who knows his article when he sees it in print in the average Negro journal or magazine.) I have "highly insulted" more Negro editors and publishers of newspapers and magazines (?) in the past two years than any other colored American writer of song and story, by refusing to give my time and the production of my pen for nothing. If I have anything for the good of the race I send it to The Freeman. If I have anything in the line of a poem, sketch, story or news item of interest I sell it or push it in a pigeon hole in my desk until I can change it from an Afro-American story to an all American or Europo-American story, when I sell it either outright or to some author (?) or some literary syndicate. My best stories, from a financial point of view, have appeared under false names. If I waited for race papers to buy the productions of my pen I would be obliged to live upon "fame" and glory. An author may be able to live upon fame, but his family needs food. I am a married man with a family of three small children, but to the point.

The publishers of the magazine must employ a live, experienced advertising agent, who can get for them the thousands of "ads" which appear in the first-class magazines of the day. The magazines must contain live matter that will be of interest to the progressive and literary people of the race and at the same time excite the curiosity of the whites in general, and arrest the attention of the literary and progressive whites in particular. It must be printed on clean up-to-date paper, the stories, historical sketches and poems must be freely illustrated with original up-to-date pictures and cuts. It must be placed upon the several news stands and book stores, along side of the "Review of Reviews," "Harpers," the "North American Review," and others, and must be their peer in every respect. All this can be done—paper is cheap, cuts are cheap, labor is cheap, and the leading colored American writers would be willing to contribute to its columns for a while, at half rates to help it along. They should be paid, however, for every article. The following are the leading race writers of song, story, fictions, history, theory, political economy, history and art, and should be engaged and well paid per article or paper and their names kept standing in the magazine as regular paid contributors. First of all, the great and only Dr. J. M. Henderson, pastor of old Bethel church, the peerless all around writer of the race, Alice Ruth Moore, "Victoria Earle," "Reuben Ray," "Bruce Grit," Paul Dunbar, the poet, Edward Elmore Brock, the bright young all-around magazine writer, Mrs. Josephine E. Ghant-Carlisle, one of the greatest race women of the day, Dr. B. T. Tanner, Hon. John S. Durham, Editor John Mitchell, jr., of the Richmond Planet, Lawyer T. McCant Stewart, Bishop W. B. Derrick, Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Hon. D. Augustus Straker, Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Richard W. Thompson, the brilliant Washington correspondent of The Freeman, Prof. Richard T. Greener, Bishop Turner, and Pressly Holliday, the rising young novelist. There may be one or two others—not over two—whose names I have neglected to mention. There are a few good second class writers and not a few notorious hotheaded eratic writers (mostly newspaper editors) who, now and then, by chance produce an article worth buying for such a magazine as I picture. There are also lots of young beginners who should be encouraged, but matter should be selected by a hired expert and paid for. The magazine should be published either in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia or New York City. Washington is the Negro Athens of the United States. Philadelphia, in the face of the newspaper jokes, a city of progressive colored people. The colored people of New York are far behind the average city North or South, from a literary point of view, still New York is the best place for publication from the fact it is the great business mart of the country, teeming with printers, engravers, and advertisers. I am ready to place two or three hundred dollars in the hands of such a syndicate for the same value of shares in the magazine when started or to fill any position, no matter how humble, to aid it along. By all means, let us have a national magazine that will live, do good, be instructive, amusing, and above all, pay for itself. Such a one can be started and successfully published for fifty years, but will it be started is the question.

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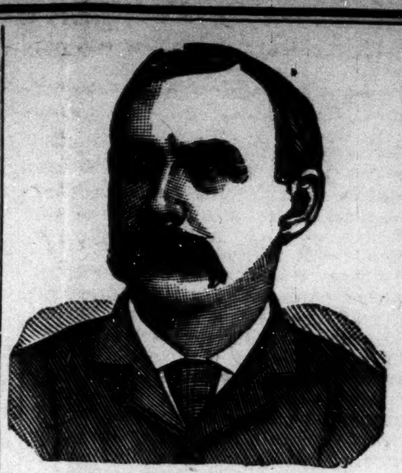

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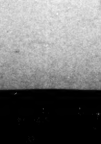

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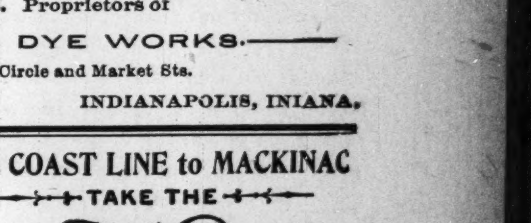

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WORK WELL DONE.

The great Republican National Convention is now an event of history. As has heretofore been said the noise and general bluster were not elements of the convention. The work to be done was huge in contrast to that performed by preceeding assemblies. Notwithstanding the severe struggles of men of opposing ideas the convention can congratulate itself upon the happy outcome. It has given the country a nation's idol in the person of Major Wm. J. McKinley. In him the people confide. Poverty and financial distress so prevalent will perforce cease their encroachments on the people. With protection the watchword factory fires, long since slumbering, will blaze anew, and the hum of the voiceless spindles will startle the ears afresh. The nomination and election of McKinley means the revivification of all lines of interest where the toiling masses are concerned. The late convention struck the keynote when it pronounced for gold. This country can not and will not base its monetary system upon a fluctuating medium. A metal that is capricious in value should have no standing. A dollar that requires the machinery of the government to make it "go" because it is worth but fifty cents is not the measuring money of any first-class nation.

The convention did well in giving the party Hon. Garret A. Hobart, of New Jersey, as the vice presidential candidate. He is a self-made man, who has made himself famous as a lawyer. With the East and West linked by means of two of the country's most noted sons, a platform that calls for protection for the industrial classes and a money equal to the world's best, every indication points to the triumph of the Republican party in the coming contest.

THE TELLER DEFLECTION.

The pronunciamento of Teller and his silver viewed cohorts is a most beautiful piece of literature. The ebulition like rare old Moorish mosaic, is the legacy they leave the country. Rich and racy, it is, in its contention for its favorite metal—silver. But it is a legacy simply toothless—harmless. It is truly lamentable that so much eloquence fall like broken shafts at the feet of the victim. The world pities but cannot applaud them. Very feelingly we are informed by Mr. Teller that locality has nothing to do in his determination and his utterances; the world feels that it knows better. A Teller reared in New York, imbued with its sentiments, and interest, ties, and future political hope, could not be the Teller of Colorado. In announcing the parting of the ways he touched the hearts of strong men. Doubtless no scene like the Teller episode has characterized a National Convention. He announces most sincerely that the money question has been to him a life's study, and that he knows whereof he speaks. He sees nothing but destruction ahead, dire and calamitous. Very strange argument in face of all the moneyed men of the world. Mr. Teller approaches temerity in asserting his opinions and those of his followers all reared in silver camps, against the united voice of the country. The deflection of Teller can not be treated in a trival vein, no matter from what section he hails or what subsidiary views he holds

The passing of Teller may be ominous; at least it is no signal of applause. However, Teller is mistaken, and the party will show him and his adherents the hugeness of their mistake. The money question at its best is not paramount to that other question which so directly affects the wage earner. The resuscitation of the prostrate energies of the country is the living issue.

It is not the question of gold and silver that is pauperizing our citizens. It is not the question of money that causes the breadless cupboard, but it is that other greater question—protection. Working men are not likely to be enchanted by fine spun theories of gold and silver, while the wolf is at their doors. His coffers need replenishing. Cheaply manufactured goods coming in the ports of the country are playing double havoc with the man who toils daily for a subsistence. It not only depletes the treasury of the country by their cheap admission in the way of reduced tariffs, but at the same time serves to break down institutions in this country that have nothing in common with the pauper labor of the old world.

The eyes of the poor man is centered on Canton, now the Mecca where a greater prophet dwells than he who was born at Medina. The hopes of the workingmen will reach their full realization when the government is trusted to the guidance of the matchless McKinley.

"If a county is to be held responsible for any lynching that occurs within its borders, would it not be equally fair to hold it responsible for the outrage that causes the lynching?—Florida Times-Union."

This is reasoning gone to seed. The crime of outrage is subject to the laws as any other crime. Lynching for any other crime other than for outrages is just as reprehensible as that for the commission of outrages. Everyone is free to act as he sees fit within or without the borders of the law. There are no confines which limit or set off his moral depredations. The law recognizes that and subjects the individual to its mandates and deals with him according to the degree of his offense. The culprit is answerable to the law, and not to a rabble. The county in which the criminal resides has nothing to do with the infraction of the law further than to punish the malefactor for said infraction as is done the world over. The crime of outrage, while peculiarly heinous, yet it does not take on extra judicial attributes that require extra judicial attention a la mob. Therefore it is good and logical to hold that the citizens of a county that get together and of themselves posess themselves with judicial and executive power or usupers from a legal standpoint and their actions, not sanctioned by law, or no more than those of single individuals. If they succeed in killing they are murderers, pure and simple, and should be hung by the neck until they are dead, if the law should demand it for that class of offense.

"A NATIONAL convention of the colored Baptists of the United States will assemble in St. Louis about the last week in August. The meeting will be held in the First church, on Clark avenue. Matters relating to the educational, literary and disciplinary interests of the church will be considered."—The Victoria Guide.

"If we had anything whatever to do with the management of this convention we would call it off and take it to Chicago, or some other city where the Negro is treated as a human being and not as a dog. St. Louis has insulted every Negro in the world, and none of our race should honor that God-forsaken city with a convention of any kind."—The State Capital.

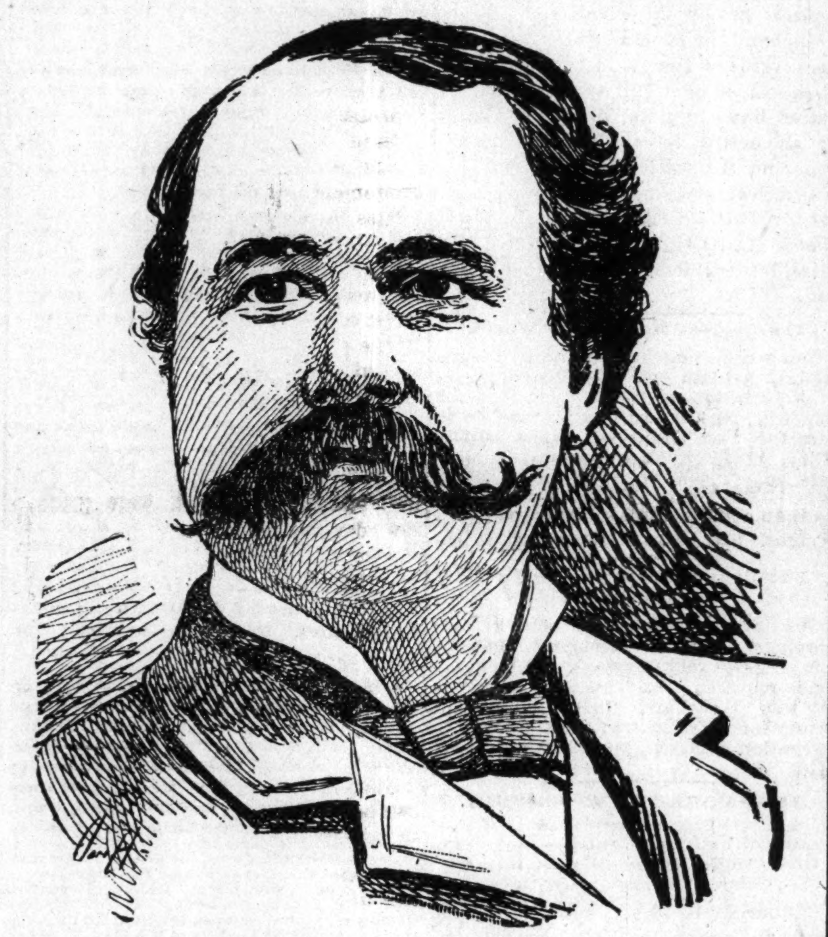
It is a fact every Negro in the world has been belittled in the action of St. Louis. It was an affront offered at such a peculiar time that aggravates the case. St. Louis or any other considerate people should have been generous under the circumstances.

THE AFRICAN'S RELIGION.

"We quite agree with the Canon that the christianity of Europe is unsuited to the Negro. It is not only lifted above the Negro but above Christ. Canon Taylor is, however, mistaken in supposing that the black Madonnas of the church of Rome make it attractive to the African. The history of the Roman church on the Congo where it was sustained for three hundred years with all the moral and material force which it possessed, but disappeared leaving no trace of its existence, completely disproves the supposition. So, likewise, is Canon Taylor wrong in supposing the kettledrums of the Salvation Army would appeal to the religious sentiment of the Negro, they might excite his martial ardour but could never inspire his religious fervour. Islam is attractive to the Negro, not because of its so-called material paradise, but because of the practical brotherhood of man which it represents, and which is in accord with his conciousness and deeper sentiment; because, in a word, the Negro lives under it a moral and increasing life."—The Lagos (Lagos, Africa,) Weekly Herald.

The African journal is quite correct when it asserts that the christian religion as championed by Canon Taylor is above Christ. The kettledrum religion of the Salvation Army has been in vogue in America for several years. While nothing may be said in disparagament of a religion that seeks the highways and byways for its proselytes, yet the Negroes of America have not proven more susceptible to that kind of influence than other people. Of course the christian religion that calls for cathedral processions, chants from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, lighted tapers, golden candelbras, surplices of Oriental splendour and the perfumes of the Orient is a vast improvement on that established by the meek and lowly Nazarine. Just how the modern religion, adorned with the gew-gaws of the present day, can be reconciled to that established on the faith of Peter is not apparent. It is not likely the average African or American Negro has evoluted sufficiently up the scale of civilization to meet the demands of this most perfect type of religion. Humility, brotherly love and feeling for each other's woes are the cardinal principles of a religion that will safely pilot the Negroes in the present and in the world to come. The mistake of the Catholics on the Congo was the attempt to teach religion of the heart only when, in the language of a late visitor to the Dark Continent, the hand and head should have been included. However, the history of the Catholics in making converts to the faith shows a monumental failures. Zealous as the society of Jesuits, but their theory was wrong. Joliet and Marquette attempted to break the bread of life to the denuded savages around Lake Superior and the Mississippi. Education up to the receiving point was essential. Like the religion on the Congo it was laudable, but built in error. The bringing of the Bible to the Mexican and the aboriginal Peruvians and minds sated with the mania for gold showed the lack of method, if not sincerity. Negroes are not easily deceived.

The black Madonnas of Rome do not create in his breast any unusual reverence. He is the last of all races to pay homage to the works of man. Fanatically devout over the essence of religion, but as indifferent as a Comanche over its signias. With surprise we note the malevolently hurled statement at the African Negroe's religion, which, to a great extent, needs the elimination of the white man's rum in the introduction.



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EXIT CUNEY.

N. W. Cuney, one of the prominent Negro leaders of the Republican party of Texas, has got himself in bad odor with the Republicans of his State. He has also offended the McKinley management.

Grosvernor denounced him as a scoundrel. Up to this time Mr. Cuney has not attempted to defend himself. He was very prominent under Harrison's administration. He was appointed collector of customs at the port of Galveston. The appointment for some reason was not satisfactory to the Texans. It is claimed that the State lost some thousands of votes by his elevation. Mr. Cuney was well received in Washington a few days prior to the convention where he was wined and dined. Howard University went so far as to honor him with a degre.

"How the mighty has fallen" is a cruel quotation at this crisis of Cuney's life. It is not known just why he is so emphatically pronounced a scoundrel, but as a rule men are very careful in making such sweeping denunciations of public men owing to the likelihood of resulting damagingly. If Mr. Cuney has committed some violent breach of faith his friends may expect silence on his part, if not he should set himself right before those who wined and dined him, the university that honored him and the disciples that followed him.

THE French Chamber of Deputies have voted Madagascar as a French colony. During the Waller episode the French established a kind of protectoracy over the island. It can be seen how rapidly the incubation has been going on. Secretary Olney, on being notified as to the new arrangement asked that the rights of Americans be reserved. So ends the Madagascan chapter.

THEY have torn up the flower beds at McKinley's home.

THE issue is protection first. Gold and silver is an after consideration.

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These be strong words no matter who utters them, but when they come from our next president, they come with double force and the fullest significance. Will there be a deflection in the Negro vote? The question can not be entertained by the national minded.

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S

Twelfth Annual Commencement—Personal Mention.

Louisville, Ky., Special,

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Indianapolis, are in the city. Quite a number of our former residents together with others were here Sunday from Indianapolis. The examination for public school teachers is now in progress. Misses Ella Smith of Lexington, Ky., Kittie Mann and Mamie Brown of Indianapolis, Ind., are in the city visiting friends. Miss Grace Mergurson, a popular and estemable young lady of Columbus, O., is the guest of Miss Lizzie B. Slaughter. Invitations are out announcing the moonlight excursion of the popular Phantasma Club. A most pleasant evening is assured and a fine crowd expected. Those who will attend are requested to wear the club colors, orange and black. The twelfth annual commencement of the Central High school was held in the grand opera Friday evening. Long before the exercises were begun the streets were crowded with the best element of people making their way to the opera. At 6:30 o'clock both sidewalk and street in front of the opera were so crowded that the cars could not pass, and when the big doors were thrown open, the crowd rushed forward and soon had the house crowded to its utmost. Fully 5,000 persons were in attendance to witness one of the best commencements of the high school.

The exercises were begun promptly at 8:15 p. m., with an overture, "Necoiai" from the orchestra. Rev. S. W. Parr offered advice, supplication, and was followed by a sweet chorus, "The Mustersingers." Miss Alberta Robinson then delivered a well prepared salutatory in a very creditable manner. Miss Julia M. Alexander then read an essay on "Powers of the Imagination" which was replete with intellect and psycological inspirations. The chorus "Now Kind Heaven" from Bellini was sung with such tact that a stormy encore resulted with its repetition. Misses Adah B. Taylor and Martha H. Crozier rendered an impressive oration and essay respectively, "Survival of the Fittest" and a peep into the twentieth century. Miss Lizzie Slaughter followed with an oration on "Women," and carried off the honors in this delivery. The subject was handled in such a manner as to reflect much credit and comment on the young lady who showed her able gift of oratory.

The march from Tamhauser was then sung by the pupils which called forth repeated encores. Miss Lydia Branch read a neatly prepared essay on education of the senses, which showed much thought and care. We now had a chance to see Prof. B. T. Washington through Mr. Eugene H. Buchanan, who delivered the speech of Prof. Washington that was delivered at the opening of the Cotton State Exposition. Two female choruses were then sung by the pupils which were well received and Miss Mattie B. Mitchell followed with her rich and racy valedictory. Mr. Wm. M. Gibbs, class '94, then delivered the alumni address, which was said to be the grandest ever delivered to the high school graduates. Hon. A. A. Strel, president of the school board then delivered twenty-one diplomas to nineteen young ladies and two young men.

The strong chorus "Hymn to the Creation" from Moler was sung, after which the greatest event of the season was closed. When the curtain rose up the six under graduates and the twenty-one graduates forming the choruses, presented a beautiful scene for the audience. The singing and Miss Slaughter's oration were the special features of the evening. Prof. Osborne McConatly deserves much credit for his able manner of managing those sweet choruses as does Prof. Meyzeek for his arranging such a spicy commencement. Only one feature marred the beauty and splendor of Friday evening, and it was that some of the graduates parents were made to give up their seats for the accomodation of some few white persons. The same is is promised to never happen again.

Many comments were passed on Mr. Gibbs' address because of his failing to address the audience, and as an explanation for the same, he states that it was an alumni address to the graduates and them only. The alumni reception was given Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewards. Prof. J. M. Maxwell has returned from Hopkinsville, where he has taught a very successful year. Chas. Maxwell has returned from Cleveland, O. The Kenmore club has changed the date of their picnic and will go to Fern Grove August 10th.

A Grand Concert.

Logansport, Ind. special.

The concert given by the Busy Bee Club of June, 16th was a grand success. The program was well rendered. Mr. George Parker, the president of the club is a very promising young man. Mrs. Maggie Brooks deserves credit for the assistance rendered the Busy Bee club. Miss Claude Watterman gave a party last week to a number of her friends in honor of her 18th birthday. Rev. Jason Bundy will preach at the A. M. E. church, Monday night. Miss Lilly Pettiford is visiting friends and relatives in Lafayette, Ind. Rev. S. M. Smothers passed through the city last week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malone, of Washington street, a daughter. Henry Waterman has bought a small farm North of the city. Omer Tutt of Indianapolis is in the city. Rev. Lewis Pettiford and Henry Harris left the city Monday morning to spend the day on the waters of the Wabash, fishing. The A. M. E. Sunday school will organize a juvenille choir with Mrs. Lewis Pettiford leader. Mrs. Amy Givens, an old lady, was able to recite all the subjects and the golden texts of the last quarter in the Sunday school. You will find The Freeman at Harris and Jones' barber shop every Friday.

Personal Mention.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special,

Mrs. Anna Thompson is quite sick at her home, 422 E. North street. Mrs. Nora Watters of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips. Mrs. Louise Ashard and daughter Flossie, has returned from Pawpaw. Miss Myrtle Stafford has returned from Femville. Morgan F. Vahn was home from Fowlerville last week visiting his wife, Effie H. Vaughn. Gilmore Phillips has had an addition built to his house. Mable Hill left Saturday for Austin, Ill. to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Bell Hall. The K. of P.'s will hold their conclave in this city beginning August 25th. Rev. Marshall of Battle Creek, preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning. Children's day exercises were held at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated and the program was well rendered. Phillips Bros. Orchestra furnished the music.

Coldwell Flashes.

Colewell, Tenn,, Special.

Mrs. Dave Elkins is on the sick list. The party given by D. W. Ray in honor of his daughter, Miss Lulu, was nicely entertained and highly appreciated. Misses Mattie and L. B. Mullins, Messrs. H. F. White, J. M. Mullins and David Mullins, Jr., were the guests of Mr. Aaron and Maggie Martin Sunday June 14th. Mr. Williams T. White is on the sick list at this writing. Mr. James Horvell and wife were the guests of H. C. Coble Sunday 14th inst, P. Y. Bomar is quite ill at this writing.

Sisters of Charity Entertained.

Wabash, Ind., Special.

Mrs. H. H. Woodring and M. E. Beck, of Indianapolis, president and secretary of the "Sisters of Charity No. 1," arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a society known as the "Sisters of Charity" No. 3, which was successful with thirty-five charter members. The following officers were installed for one year: Supt. J. Jordan; president, O. G. Brown; vice president, Mary Harris; secretary, Lettie Becks; assistant secretary, Ada Daniels; treasurer, Rosa Furguson; chaplain, M. Black. Total amount raised for treasure $40.77. Net proceeds in bank $20 00.

CLIPPINGS
HERE & THERE.

Every colored home should have a Bible and a "paid for" colored paper in it.—The Vicksburg, (Miss.) Light.

It is reported that the druggists of St. Joseph, Mo., have decided to sell no cool drinks to colored people. Just what prompted this decision is not known. The decision is simply another straw that shows the absolute necessity of colored people running drug stores. Let the colored people of St. Joseph open a drug store of their own, run their own soda fountains and success is theirs.—Leavenworth, (Kan.) Herald.

Poor old St. Louis, you have had what you never will have again—a Republican national convention. The good book says that Judas betrayed Christ with a kiss; you have betrayed the Republican national committee with promises. But don't be discouraged, St. Louis, if Morgan's raiders or the kuklux and lynchers of the South decide to hold a convention you will be the place selected.—The State (Springfield, Ill.) Capitol.

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CLOSING OF ZION LITERARY

WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY EVENING, THE 22D, INST.,

Was a Grand Affair—Meeting of the K. of P. Grand Lodge—Wandering Boys' Social Club to Render a Programme—Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The closing session of the Zion Baptist Literary society, which took place last Monday night, was the most successful known in the history of the organization. With E. D. Nickens, manager of the Dr. Nickens' Medicine Co. as president; S. S. Adams as vice-president; C. Hackley and Harry Jordon as corresponding secretaries; Miss Annie Monroe, editress; G. L. Coleman, critic; Mrs. Alice Adams, organist; Miss Mamie Hackley, chairman of program committee; Wm. Harris, sergeant-at-arms, and Robert Belsinger as treasurer, the society has won for itself an enviable reputation. When Mr. Nickens was elected president, the average attendance was about sixty with $1.17 in the treasury. At present the average attendance is 250 with a surplus of $65 in the treasury. The society is making a special effert to assist Rev. W. T. Hall in raising $1,000 on next Sunday, to pay on the principle debt of the church. Rev. Hall is a power in Zion and since the people have been so thoroughly aroused, we hope for great success to-morrow.

Dr. Vaughn, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., has located on Walnut Hill. The "Queen City" welcomes him, and wishes him much success in his chosen profession. The Grand lodge of the K. of P. of Ohio convened here the 16th, inst., with much success. On Tuesday night a banquet was given in honor of the delegates. Tuesday morning the following officers were installed: Henry Williams, G. C.; J. J. Jones, V. G. C.; W. A. Johnson, G. K. of R. S.; L. J. Cash, G. M.; J. H. Dickerson, C. M. D.; H. T. Jackson, G. P.; Mr. Dowherty, O. G.; Mr Scott, G. L. H. Ward, and R. F. Williams. C. W. After the installation resolutions were unanimously adopted condemning the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in affirming the constitutionality of the "jim crow" law, and commending Justice Harlan for his stand expressed in his dissenting opinion condemning the unmanly treatment of the Negro in public places and on public carriers. The Wandering Boys' Social club have been invited to render a literary program before Zion and Phillis Wheatley Literary societies in the near future.

WALNUT HILL NOTES.

There will be a basket meeting given at the Mt. Zion M. E. church to-morrow afternoon, on Westminister between Park and Elmwood avenues Every member will bring a large basket filled, and a beautiful dinner will be served. Messrs. William Goode and James Cooper have gone to St. Louis. The First Baptist church will have their first annual picnic at Myers' Grove July 16th. The Misses Annie Hagan. Grace Hagan, Minnie Smith, Jessie Fagins, Maggie Angle, and Luta Hord, have returned from Wilberforce, where they have been attending school. The Wilberforce concert band has been playing to large audiences at the different churches on the Hill. Prof. A. J. DeHart, principal of the Elmwood avenue public school was not among the number turned down by superintendent Morgan, as was reported in some of the daily papers. There was a general hand shaking on the Hill when the announcement was made that the Republican party had nominated Ohio's favorite son a presidential candidate. The picnic of the season given under the auspicies of the K. of P. at Mt. Look Park, was a grand success. Mr. Augustus Friason, Jr,, spent a few days hunting last week. He says he has got the game with him. Mr. J. Owens. contractor and brick layer, has gone to St. Louis for a few days. Officer Harry Russell is back at his post again,

Prof. A. J. DeHart, Capt. Ford Stith, Peter Whitlow and Frank Hall will furnish amusement for the enormous crowd that will attend the Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church picnic July 9th. There will be a fat man's race and a lean man's race. Do not forget to look for The Freeman every Saturday at Frank Hall's, something important to read.

Resolutions of Respect.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Miss Henrietta V. Davis of Washington, D. C., the famous elocutionist, assisted by L. J. Brown of Denver, Col., gave a grand concert at St. Paul M. E. church on Monday night June 8th to a large audience. Every one present was well pleased and pronounced it one of the best they ever heard. They will be in Meridian about a week or ten days. J. M. May and Mr. Brown is stopping at L. H. Turners on Twelfth street. A. J. Richley spent a few days a Winchester last week. All of the teachers of the Lincoln school have returned to their different homes north. Mrs. Hyman who has been quite sick the past week is up again. Miss Virginia Ramsey who has been from the city some time has returned. Miss Julia Watson leaves this week for Wilberforce, Ohio, to visit the school. We wish for her a safe and pleasant trip. The New Hope Baptist church people baptized at the lake Sunday June 7th at 11:30 a. m., Rev. L. W. Watson officiated. Six persons were baptized. Prof. E. H. Triplett, superintendent of the Welcher graded schools of Meridian, was re-elected by the trustees of said schools to the same position for another session on the 27th of May. Prof. Triplett was the recipient of a telegram from Gov. McLaurin Hon. J. L. Power and Prof. A. A. Kincannon notifying him that he had been unanimously elected to the presidency of Alcorn College. Prof. Triplett is one of the most intelligent men of his race in this state, and by his courteous manner and polite ways has won the good will and appreciation of all whom he had dealt with. He is well qualified to fill the position which is a lucrative one, and Gov. McLaurin has made no mistake in this action. Success to you Prof. Triplett. On Sunday night June 7th the Christian Endeavor Society had consercration meeting. It had before them the names of Mrs. Lizzie Harris who died May 21st, 1896 and Mr. W. M. H. Turner who died May 25th, 1896. Both of them were faithful members of the Christian Endeaver Society. It was voted that their names be spread on the minutes and a copy be presented to each family. Misses Pinkey Dearman and Mary Powe who has been going to the Lincoln school left for their homes last week to spend their vacation. A. T. Washington is having his house painted. Andrew L. W. and A. T. Washington jr., are doing the work.

A Grand Reception.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.

On the night of June 12th there was a grand reception tendered Lieutenant W. E. Benjamin of company D., who graduated at the State University in the class of '96. He took a scientific course. His degree is B. S. C. There was a spread for sixty persons. The Edwards quartet, three white, sung several selections. The Selles Brother's Orchestra furnished music. Toast master W. Robt. B. Alexander, offered the following toasts "Education and its Relation to Religion," responded to by Rev. John Porter, "Reminiscences of my School Day," response Ollie J. Buckhardt; 'The Student in the Republic," L J. Abbott; "The New Woman," Mrs. Brooks of St. Louis; "The Duty of the American Scholar," Amos Walker; The Battilion, Capt. Sedgwick; "The Negro thirty-one years ago and now," Prof. Gibin; "Our University," W. E. Benjamin. Miss Jessie Merian recited "Jane Conquest, in grand style. W. E. Benjamin departed for his home at Cheyenne, Wyo., on the 13th. Mrs. Brooks returned to St. Louis on the 13th. Mrs. Hawkins is visiting in Levenworth. Mesdames J. C. Collins, and A. P. Curtis are visiting in St. Joe. The Misses Ludie Bruce and Jessie Merian came down from Omaha to attend the Benjamin banquet. Mrs. Wright is visiting her son Jasper at Edgemont, S. D. Mrs E. Hatcher has returned from the hills. The Recheuche was royally entertained on Tuesday night by O. J. Burckhardt at the residence of Mrs. Frank Williams. Mrs. John White is sojourning in Denver.

The Event of the Season.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Miss Alice B. Cole, spent last week in the country. Miss Susie Downey has departed for Marianna, Ark. The young men's dramatic club gave a grand social entertainment Wednesday night at the residence of Rev. Simons on Dunlap street to much success. The residence of S. M. Washington and A. J. H. Bass are connected by telegraph. Friday quite a delightful tallo-ho party was given by a few ladies of the city to an equal number of young men. Each young lady escorted a young man, and the drive was made by the light of the moon to Montgomery park and through by Magnolia on a return to the city. The party then went to the residence of Miss L. W. Todd, on Hernando street, where one hour was spent in dancing social games, and a beautiful repast was spent by all.

At 2:30 a. m. the wagon began its final tour on a delivery of each couple to their homes. The party numbered twenty-four including ten of the Manhattan members and their ladies The event was pronounced one of the grandest affairs of the season. Mrs. Lillie Donnell of Hot Springs, and Miss Susie Hudson of Little Rock, passed through the city enroute to Indianapolis, Ind. They were the guests of Mrs. H. Bass for a few days. Miss Laura Dickerson has returned.

Death of a Good Woman.

Redemption, Ark., Special,

Children's day services were held at the A. M, E. church Sunday. It was a fine day and quite a crowd was in attendance. The program was well rendered. R. F. Malory and Misses Laura Casy read papers that deserved special mention. The exercises were responded to by a liberal contribution, which was one of the best children's day exercises in the history of Walnut Grove. After an illness of six months Mrs. Emily Dunlap died on the afternoon of the 18th inst. In her death the A. M. E. church has lost a faithful member. Special services has been announced that a fitting tribute can be paid to her memory. Mrs. Dunlap leaves a husband and a host of friends who mourn her demise.

THE CITY SCHOOL BUILDING

A FULL REPORT OF CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES HELD BY THE

Two Methodist Churches—"I am Proud I am a Negro Man's Son" by M. Parchman Delivered to an Enthusiastic Audience.

Wynne, Ark., special.

Our city school building for the colored youth is just completed. It is a beautiful structure of one story with large airy rooms and splendid ventilation. Crops are splendid. We are expecting a better yield of cotton this year than has been for many years and better prices for the fleecy staple. Last Sunday the two Methodist churches held Children's Day exercises. The A. M. E. church, W. H. J. Powell, pastor in charge, labored zealously with its Sunday school scholars and they in return acquitted themselves admirably. The attention of all colored citizens was attracted to the church on that occasion. The house was crowded to suffocation and there were many out doors. At 3 o'clock the Rev. W. H. J. Powell played a march and the children marched, in single file, from the parsonage to the rostrum and formed a circle around the lovely little fairy queen, Victoria Evans who was attired in a beautiful costume prepared for this occassion by her foster mother, Mrs. Thomas. Her flower bearers, little Nettie Ross and Master Weaver were beautifully arrayed in white. The history of the A. M. E. church was fully in the people's hearts from the "Freeman" as 'twas read aloud in distinct tones by Rt. Rev. J. H. Brooks in his opening address. An essay by Mrs. Gertrude L. Jones, subject "Creation of Man" was full of thought and held the whole audience till it was completed when she was loudly applauded. Miss Annie Griffins oration subject, "the story of the gospel" was an advance to the average talent but she was equal to the occassion and rendered it pleasantly enough for a princess as she is a splendid elocutionist. Misses Bertha Clark and Ella Beasley, were quite unique with their essays, which were a credit to the occasion. Mr. Maurice Parchman and Mrs. Gertrude Jones sang a duet. They are both fine vocalists. Miss Lucy Weaver gave an oration on, "The Young Men of the Race." This piece of oratory was an exceptional plea to the young men and will long be remembered by those who heard her earnest appeal. Paul Caldwell a bright lad of 14 in "What a Boy Can Do," made a decided hit. There was an intermission of ten minutes after which the declaration of the evening, "I am Proud I am a Negro Man's Son," was rendered by Maurice Parchman. He is an artist and his selection was well received. He so enthused his audience that each of the audience was proud that they were a "Colored Man's Son." Mr. John Adair came into prominence when he delivered the declamation, "Principal and Character." The exercises were closed with Prof. Wm. Shumfus' address which was short but to the point and interesting. He is a scholarly man. The C. M. E. church, Rev. B. J. Thomas pastor in charge, had a glorious time and were the cause of much favorable comment. The exercises were brief but as the most part of their program was rendered by adults, they rendered their programme and came to the A. M. E. church. They have organized a choir and their renditions were select and sweet. The opening address was by Wm. Meachim, while Miss Maggie Maborn's select reading was very appropriate. Mr. Archibald Pulley, one of our most worthy young men, read a composition entitled, "The Desecration of the Sabbath," which deserves special notice. He made quite an impression. Miss Lola Larry gave an essay entitled "What Education is for," which was very instructive. The exercises closed with the choir's selections of choicest songs. Many prominent people passed through here last week en route to the National Republican convention, among whom were Prof. J. H. Robertson, Marianna and C. B. Brown a wealthy planter of Ragio City. Rev. J. W. Bohannon an evangelist is assisting Rev. Matt Rogers in the Second Baptist revival. They are doing a great work. The Baptists are dilligently preparing for Children's day which is next Sunday. Mr. Maurice Parchmen is in the city as happy as he can be over the McKinley nomination. Miss Malinda Harris, one of our refined young ladies is visiting her brother in Memphis. Miss Stella Thompson will leave in a few days for Little Rock. She will leave a broken heart won't she John C.? Robert McMillen has gone to Harrisburg on business. Misses Effie and Neilie Ross are visiting relatives in Paragould. Rt. Rev. J. H. Brooks, P. E. in the Indian Territory is among us and will remain a few days. He has a lecture prepared on his work among the Indians. He is very ardent and intelligent and speaks the three tribes dialects; Creek, Seminole and Cherokee and is very interesting. His wife is with him. She is a most amaiable lady.

Pioneers' Annual Picnic.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

The twenty-third annual picnic of the pioneers of Cass county was held at fair grounds at Cassopolis, June 17th, and the usual large crowd was in attendance. Speeches were made by Hon. Thomas Marrs, of Berrien Springs, one of the pioneers of the district; A. D. Northrup, of Calvin; Rev. John Byrnes, of Pokagon; Henry Kimmerle, of LaGrange; Rev. E. R. Clark, of Edwardsville, and Hon. James Shaw. The following officers were elected: Henry Michael, president; Elias Morris, vice-president; C. C. Nelson, treasurer; L. H. Glover, secretary and historian. C C. Nelson offered a rocking chair to the couple present who had been longest married. It was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Warner, of Cossopolis. They were married February 12, 1852. Mrs. Priscilla Casey Ford was awarded the silver spoons offered by S. B. Turner to the person who furnished the longest list of children, her own offsprings. Her list numbered eighteen children, nine living. Mrs. Lovina Haithcock was second with sixteen children, seven living. Mrs. Hood received the prize for being the oldest pioneer present. The Cassopolis band furnished the music. The meetings were also enlivened by vocal music by a local glee club and also a glee club from Chicago. Among the death list during the past year were: Martha A. Dungey, born in 1827, died Aug. 29, '95; Louisa F. Mitchell, born July 3, '29, died Sept. 3, '95; Celia A. Outland, born in 1838, died May 26, '96; Sarah Abrams, born in 1806, died May 5, '96; Miles Haithcock, born in 1792, died Jan. 16, '96, aged 104. The attendance was estimated at from five to seven thousand.

Church and Personal Mention.

Sheffield, Ala., Special.

Children's day services were instructive and enjoyable at the A. M. E. and Missionary Baptist church. The A. M. E. program conducted by the order of services. A solo was rendered by Miss Sussie Gray which was enjoyed by all. select reading, Miss Hannah Gray, subject, "The Evils Resulting From Sabbath breaking." Revs. Harrison Johnson, ex-pastor of the A. M. E. church, A. Harris, ex-pastor of the M. E. church and Robert Wood, a local in the M. E. church were introduced. The former and later made instructive remarks to the children. The visitors expressed themselves as being well pleased. Four men got hurt at the furnis the 15th inst. The small-pox excitement has subsided.

Miss Rebecca Clay left for St. Louis Mo., last Monday on a visit to her father. Forest Webb will be on the road several days working for the interest of the barbcue to be given by him on the 4th of July. Jim Sharp has returned from Nashville where he has been for two weeks on business. Chas. Moore, delegate for the Masonic Lodge of this city left on the 15th for Montgomery. He carried the names of nine new candidates, which were made a few days before he left, all are business men of Sheffield. Rev. Goodman, presiding elder of the Fronell district has been under treatment of a physician for ten days. We are glad to note that he is convalescing. B. J. Sterling is doing a grand work here in the Sunday school and church. He will leave soon to take charge of a school in Franklin county. The Freeman and other important periodicals of the Negro race can be obtained at W. L. Gray's confectionary store on Saturdays.

Commencement Exercises.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Jas. H. Turner, the pastor of the A. M. E. church, has gone to Columbia, Tenn., to assist his wife, Mrs. F. A. T. Turner, president and principal of the Marry County Turner Normal and Industrial school, in her commencement evercises, which took place on the 25th and 26th. Quite a number of teachers are attending the Institute. Rev. G. A. Rickman, Supt. Allen, Profs. J. C. McAdams, G. G. Gerram and W. H. Gosling lectured to them last week. Miss Jennie Benson, of Nashville, is spending the summer with he sister, Mrs. B. A. J. Nixon. The Star Quartette gave an entertainment at the Mt. Zion Baptist church on the 17th. The moonlight picnic given at the home of Rev. S. H. Harris on the 19th, was a success. The age rally at his church on the 21st, paid well. Jones Martin and his son Bentley, were in town on the 20th. Mrs. Rachel McChristian is on the sick list. W. M. Cowan and P. W. Patterson are also indisposed. Misses Maggie Davis, of Chattanooga, has returned. Dr. Cooper Hart, of Philadelphia, is visiting his grandfather. Get The Freeman at the store of W. H. Gosling. It is newsy from the word go.

Closing of Paul Quinn College.

Waco, Tex., Special.

The chapel June 7th was artistically decorated with flowers. At 9 o'clock a. m. there was a large attendance of Sabbath schools. At 11 the graduating class marched in chapel, headed by the faculty with 10 young ladies in the rear were granted certificates from the nurse training department, warranting their competency in the sick room. Afterwards the opening song was sung by the choir; prayer by Rev. J. W. Johnson. Rev. B. J. Hull preached the baccalaureate sermon, selecting for his text Ex. 3:2: "The bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed," which was very eloquent. At 3:30 p. m. the annual meeting of Christian Endeavors societies were held, At 7:30 p. m. the annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Laws, D. D., of Dallas with eloquence. Monday June 8th from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. oral examinations were conducted for the benefit of visitors. At 3 o'clock trustees board met, at which time Rev. B. W. Roberts was elected chairman of board, succeeding Bishop Lee. At 7:00 p. m. the annual meeting of Payne and Bereane literary societies. The subject for discussion was, "Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected directly by the people;" affirmative, W. H. H. Pope, Miss A. M. Givens; negative, J. H. Tattor, N. O. Price; contest awarded affirmities.

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Cincinnati colored waiters have organized.

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An industrial school for colored girls is to be established near Birmingham, Ala.

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Rev I. B. Scott succeeds D . Hammonds as editor of the S. W. Christian Advocate.

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Hon. Geo. W. Aldridge, of Rochester N. Y. is Superintendant of Public Works of the State of New York.

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Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Lathrop, Missouri is the first colored woman to be elected as a delegate to the National convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.

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Rev. D. P. Seaton, of Washington, D. C. has edited and published a book entitled, The Land of Promise, replete with illustrations of the Holy Land.

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Rev M. C. B. Mason has been elected to succeed Dr. Hartzell as secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society of the M. E. church.

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Miss Jessie Gamble, of St. Joseph, Mo. won a prize of $5 offered by a dry goods firm for the best advertisement written by pupils of the public schools.

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This year 31 students graduated from the normal department, three from the Phelphs Hall Bible Training School and 41 from the industrial departments of Tuskegee, Ala.

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W. T. Richards, a New Orleans merchant, it is reported, left property valued at $40,000, to Mrs. Fannie Thompson, an employee of his household for over sixteen years.

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Joseph H. Shepard, of Des Moines, Iowa, was assistant sergeant-arms in the Republican National convention. This is the first time such an honor has been conferred on an Afro-American of Iowa.

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Wilmington, N. C. has a treasurer, street inspector, two fire companies and eight policeman who are colored. Also a colored coal dealer, several grocers, a shoe dealer and a number of real estate owners.

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Miss Mabel Kennedy, a handsome girl, who is not yet twenty years old, is the cashier of the Merchants' bank, of Forsythe, Montana. She passes upon all the securities offered, makes the loans, receives the deposits, draws exchange, keeps books and, in fact does all the work of the bank, its owner being a non resident.

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Jackson Dodd is the first Negro graduate from the Coffeyville. Mo. High school and the manner in which he has finished reflects credit upon himself and his race and the school. He is recognized as one of the brainiest of the class and has the respect of a large circle of white as well as colored friends.

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The Alabama State Association of Colored Teachers, met at Annistown, in annual convention. The address of welcome was made by Mayor, Francis M. Hight. The response in behalf of the teachers was made by Prof. Booker Washington, of Tuskegee, who has been president of the association for six years.

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The jury in the Martin, will case, in Selma, Ala., brought in a verdict the other day sustaining the validity of the will. This gives some of the best property in the residence portion of Selma, to Negroes, to whom it was willed by William Martin, deceased. He leaves an old sister penniless, giving nearly $100,000 to Negroes.

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Dr. B. H. Williams, of Washington, D. C. is a member of the American Medical Association; Illinois State Medical Society; Chicago Medical Society; Ninth International Medical Congress. He was a surgeon of South Side Dispensary, Chicago, 1884—92; Surgeon of Provident Hospital, 1890—'93; physician to Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1884—'93; member of the Illinois State Board of Health, 1889; re-appointed in 1891. He is also a member of the Hamilton Club of Chicago; was appointed surgeon in charge of the Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C., February 15, 1894.

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The oratorical contest between the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was won by a colored man. There were nine orations delivered, two of which were delivered by colored students. R. W. White of Wilberforce University, O., and Charles S. Morris, of Newton Theological Seminary, Massachusetts. Each of the contestants had won first prizes in State contests. The first prize of $75 was awarded to Charles S. Morris, his subject was "Prohibition Imperative." The second prize of $50 was won by Charles A. Beard, of Depauw University, Indiana, whose theme was, "Progress and Prohibition." J. S. Lathers, of the University of Michigan, who spoke on "A Moral Solution of the Municipal Problem," was awarded the third prize of $25. All the orations gave evidence of careful preparation and all were marked by a skillful delivery.

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Several prominent men attended the St. Louis convention, among whom were G. A. Boyd, G. W. Perryman, Sam Dabney and others. Mr. Jno. Bishop and Miss Jennie Metcalf were married at the St. John's church, June, 15th. J. W. Perkins, was the grooms' best man, and Miss Bell Metcalf the bridesmaid. Samuel Killabren the veteran barber died recently, in this city, after a long confinement in prison. Gaither Johnson was accidentally shot by Floyd Fields, June 11th.

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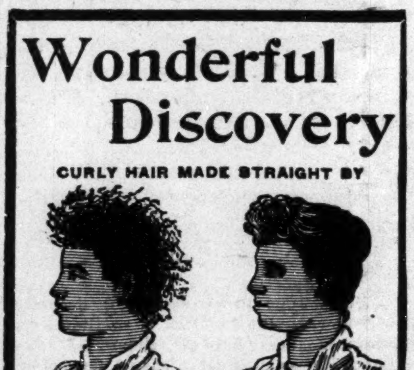

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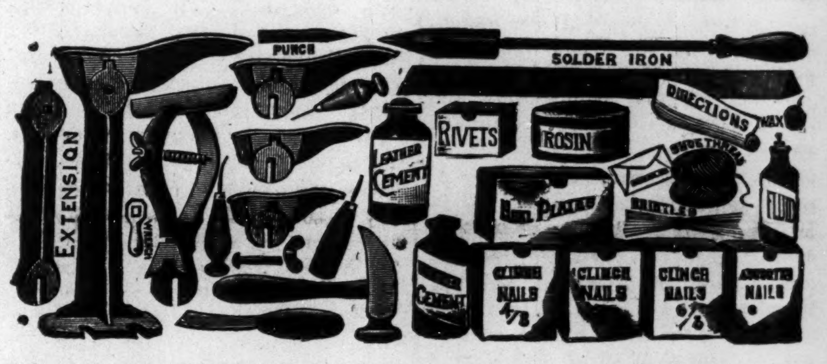

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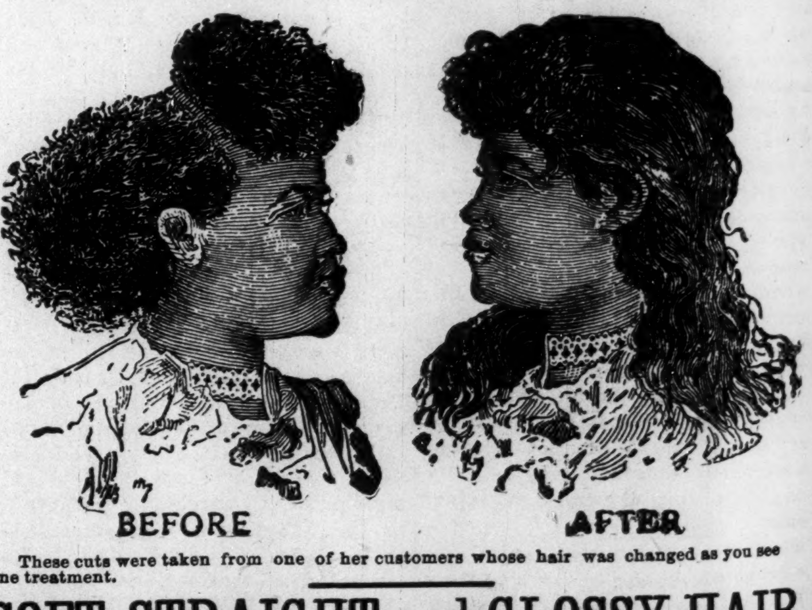

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CHAPTER IX.

MANY of the free people of color were placed on trial to prove their freedom by procuring their free papers, or getting some white person to swear that they were free born. They had also to pay their jail fees, and those who were not able to do so, were sold for a term of years to liquidate the debt. I know many persons that were sold at that time, many of whom were well known to the court. I shall mention two cases: One was an old man named Meanus Turner, and the other Kinner Flurry. These men were both bright mulattoes. The old man, Turner, was about eighty years old, and had fought for the liberty of this country in the Revolutionary war, and was the oldest and best known man in Princess Anne county. He was put on trial to prove that he was free born. and show his free papers. He had no free papers and for some time no one would swear that he was free. At last an old white fellow soldier found pride enough to step up and swear that Turner was in the same regiment with him in '76. The court still demanded proof of his freedom. Turner presented to view the scars he received fighting for the United States, and said that they were the only free papers he had or wanted, or in his opinion needed. The court, however, disagreed with him, and told him he needed free papers, notwithstanding his war record. The white comrade came forward again, (his name was Maliky Crickman) and swore that Turner was free born. The old man was then discharged, with the injunction that he must get money enough to pay his jail fees and get out his free papers. This he promised to do with joy in his eyes, and started at once to get the money, and has not returned yet.

Flerry proved his freedom, but was unable to pay his jail fees, and was sold to the highest bidder, his purchaser being one Josiah Wilson. How long Flerry was to serve, I do not know, but he ran away and Wilson advertised for him, offering a reward. He was captured and brought back, and Wilson charged the price of the reward to his (Flerry's) account for him to also work out. Flerry lost one of his children by death, and requested Wilson to let him go home for a few hours. The request was denied with a foul oath, and he was told to go back to his work, but as soon as Wilson had gone out of the field, Flerry ran home to see his wife and take the last look at his dear child. He had to go several miles, and before he could get back, Wilson missed him and was just on the point of starting after him when he got back Wilson was in a great rage, and it was in vain that Flerry pleaded for mercy and told his family sorrow, for this fellow Wilson had no soul. He ordered poor Flurry to be severely flogged.

One calamity always follows another in quick succession, and it was not long after when his wife died in child birth. Flurry, now overcome with anguish, resolved to go home and see his dead wife, if it cost him his life. He did so, and Wilson had him brought back and beaten so badly that he died in a few weeks, without cancelling the debt.

The pretex for the wholesale arrest of free people of color during the days of "Nat Turner's War," was that they were, some of them, runaway slaves, on the eve of making in Princess Anne county, a bold blow for the liberty of all the slaves in the county. This was a lie, pure and simple, (if a lie can be pure), as everyone arrested, with perhaps one or two exceptions, were well known to everyone in the county, white and black, rich and poor, bond and free. Almost all of those who did pay their jail fees, did so at a great sacrifice (as they arrested only the poorest of the free people of color, the object, it would seem, was to hire them out in default of non-payment) many selling, far below the market value, hogs, horses, corn, etc., to the whites. Many lost all they had.

Prior to "Nat Turner's war," the people of color, both bond and free, were allowed to attend the white churches, also to hold meetings of their own. They were prohibited from holding meetings or occupying a seat in the white churches. These good white christians (?) of Blackwater and Pungo seemed determined to close even the gates of heaven against us for striking that blow for liberty (the blow being struck miles away, for Nat Turner lived in Southampton county). The people of color, both bond and free, were therefore, obliged to stay at home or stand outside of the churchs in all kinds of weather, hot, cold, wet or dry. I have often seen the door and yard around these meeting houses crowded with people of color, when inside there would be plenty of room; plenty of empty seats, as there would not be more than fifty whites at the highest.

"The Pungo meeting house," as the Baptist church of which my father and the rest of the family were members, was situated about five miles from our house. This church was a new building, having been built but a short time. Money was solicited from people of color to build it. A shed or a wing for their use was promised to be erected along side of the main church. The promise induced them to throw in money and soon this strange looking church, with its "wing" was built. For a long time the people of color occupied their quarters unmolested, but the whites began to take from them the front seats (which were only benches) and kept on in this way to get them nearer the door. At "big meetings" more than one half of the colored shed or wing was taken up by the whites. Every August it is the custom in Princess Anne county and Norfolk county to have these "big meetings" or "revivals." I was about seventeen years of age when I attended one at this church. The main body of the building soon filled up with white people, and the officers of the church began to take seat after seat in the colored "wing" for the whites, pushing, of course, the black people back until they were very uncomfortably packed in the rear. Many of them went out of doors, at the request of the good minister, who informed them that they must take seats or go out of doors; as there were no seats to take but the floor, they went out of doors. One of this number was an old man by the name of Lamb Wilson about eighty years old, who was so bent with age that he was obliged to walk with a stick and his hand upon his back. I happened to be among those who secured seats and sat near the door. When the preacher (who was a very devout man) saw old uncle Lamb Wilson drag himself out, he said, "I did not mean you, uncle Lamb. Some of young men get up and let the old man sit down!" As I was the nearest one to the door, an office of the church came to me and told me to go outside and let uncle Lamb sit down. I was willing to give the old man my seat, but half of the shed from which the people of color had been driven, was only "reserved" for the whites they expected, and was at that time vacant. I told the good deacon, in a loud enough tone to be heard all over the church, that if I had to go out, I would go home, as I would not stand outside in the hot sun for him or any white man living. I then marched out, jumped on my horse and rode home. This act of mine was considered by the whites as a rough one, and I was put down as being a very proud and saucy young fellow.

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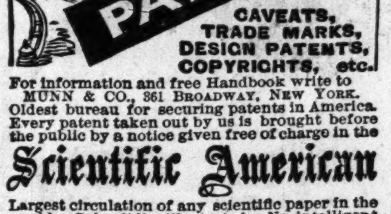

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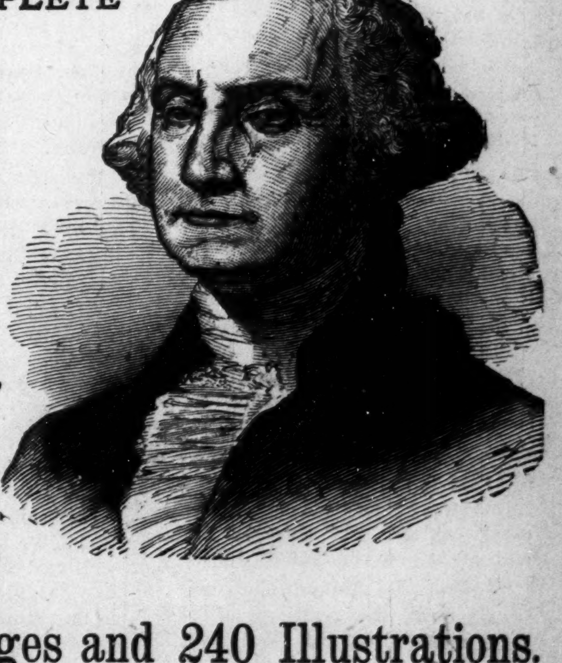

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Mrs. Crosby at Corinthian July 7th.

James Tate of Madison was in the city Sunday.

Go to the Herculean Club picnic at Rushville July 15th.

Chas. Brown and Jos. Spears attended the St. Louis Convention.

George Thompson of Des Moines, Ia., is visiting the Misses Whitsett.

Rev. H. H. Thompson was in Charlestown and New Albany Wednesday.

Citizen Thomas and wife of Cincinnati were visitors in the city Sunday.

Fred Simpson, the renowned trombonists at Corinthian church July 7th.

Everybody goes to the Herculean picnic. Remember the date—July 15th.

Mrs. John Middleton of Paris, Ill., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Smith in Agnes street.

Mrs. John Beck and daughter Beulah returned from a week's visit to friends in Wabash.

Mrs. Rachel Brown of St. Joe, Mo., who has been visiting in the city has returned home.

Chas. Jordan and Henderson Skinner left for Denver, Col., last week for a ten day's stay.

The Herculean Club always takes the largest crowd of any organization leaving Indianapolis.

The Herculean base ball club will play in Terre Haute July 4th and at Louisville the 5th.

Miss Catherine Baughman received Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Josie P. Harris.

Dr. Grant H. Clay and Miss Ella Evans were united in marriage last Tuesday evening.

A grand "Festal Fantassa" at the Corinthian Baptist church Tuesday evening, July 7th.

Detective John Allen of Cincinnati, passed through the city Saturday enroute from St. Louis.

Mrs. Susie Buckner of Lebanon is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Erma Gowdy, 36 Rhode Island street.

Matthew Tooney, a young evangelist of Nashville, Tenn., is in the city the guest of Elder Farrell.

Miss Mamie Johnson, of Bellfontaine street is suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Children's Day will be held the first Sunday in July at Jones' Tabernacle. Rev. A. Wakefield, pastor.

Miss Mamie Garrett has returned to the city after a three week's visit to relatives in Southern Indiana

W. B. Williams attended the Illinois Sabbath School Convention which convened at Paris, Ill., last Tuesday.

The Union Baptist picnic will be held at Bethany park Tuesday, June 30th. Trains leave Union Station at 8:30.

Miss Mattie McGee, who has been visiting Mrs. Cassie Henson has returned to her home at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. J. M. Washington of St. Louis, arrived in the city Wednesday and will assist in the services at Blue River Park to-morrow.

Miss Lillian V. Jones is visiting Mrs. Julius Cox, and not her mother as was published last week, her mother having moved to Helena, Ark,

Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. church will hold their annual basket meeting at Blue River park Sunday, June 28th. Fare 50 cents round trip.

The Launfal Circle of Kings' Daughters, and the Corinthian Circle of Kings' Daughters and Sons will picnic at Blue River park Tuesday, July 14th.

No charge for embalming unless the body is preserved. Why have your friends unfit to be seen on the day of the funeral?—Flanner & Buchanan.

There will be bicycle racing, foot racing and other sports at the Herculean picnic. A number of valuable prizes have been offered to the winners.

Wait for the Union Baptist picnic at Bethany park, Tuesday, June 30th. Train leaves Union station at 8:30. Fare, adults, 50 cents; children under 12 years, 25 cents.

The Rev. R. C. O. Benjamin will lecture at the Second Christian church Friday evening July 3rd, subject, "The Black Soldier in American History." Admission 10c.

Sunday July 5th Corinthian church will hold regular services in their newly remodeled church all day. Rev. Harris will be assisted by Rev. Hall of Cincinnati. Song service at night.

The fair grounds at Rushville are the prettiest in the state. Plenty of water and shelter; plenty of shade, hills, etc. Good fishing. The Herculean picnic will be there on the 15th of July.

The Pleasure Seeker's Club was entertained at the residence of Misses Maggie and Elenorah Vancleve, 127 Hillside avenue, Tuesday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent in music, dancing and games.

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Frank Smith and Miss Lottie Wells were united in marriage on the 19th, by Rev. A. Wakefield, at the residence of Mrs. R. Henson, 123 W. Vermont street. They have returned to Noblesville where they will make their future home.

Thomas Smith, of North Alabama street left Sunday morning the 21st, enroute to Cairo, Ill., to visit his sister, Mrs. Tolbert, whom he has not seen for twenty-five years. We sincerely wish Mr. Smith a safe journey, a happy meeting and a pleasant visit.

Edward Smoot, for nearly ten years an employe of the Pullman Palace Car Co., and who for the past seven years has been running between Cincinnati and Chicago, resigned on the 15th on account of poor health. Mr. Smoot is well fixed with this "world's goods," and will make this city his home.

We are pleased to note that the long-looked for tornado has not arrived, though the indications were favorable. The atmospheric changes were caused by Hon. Louie Klusman and his sod-cutter, Ala Model 1776, "scorching" along Northwest street at the rate of three knots per hour. Louie is a master of his wheel and an exponent of free silver.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

Those that belong to the "400" proper or in the realms of the strictly social circle, have long been in need of a leader. Indianapolis has never been fortunate enough to have her Ward McAllister to lead the social van, and whoever comes forth to fill such a trying position should be called blessed. There are several self-appointed individuals, who now and then make a bold attempt to lead a "picked nine," but as said individuals neither have homes or money, it is needless to mention the results. A leader of society should be possessed with many staid qualities. If he would be popular, he must be affable and congenial; he must know how, when and whom to discriminate. Several beardless youths, who scarce can earn a livelihood, in making arrangements to give a "swell" affair, concluded to have only those present who are teachers in the public schools, and a few outside friends. A number remonstrated, and failed to attend. This only goes to show that the right spirit is not manifested or proper influence is brought to bear.

Along with this, comes the report that a blue-vein society is on foot. We are not prepared to state facts, but we would like to say for the benefit of those who are the instigators of this society, that they might develop their minds and use their talents more profitably. Were this circle to organize for moral worth and not cater to the queer antics of a few whose heads have been turned by fair complexions, it would reflect much credit. But how can colored families consistently discriminate on account of color? Go to the homes of many of them, and the family resembles a variegated bouquet—some fair, some brown, some black. Would any sound thinking man or woman become a member of such a circle that would bar a sister, brother, father or mother? The complexion of morals should be of far more importance than that of the face.

There are some individuals who set their house up as above suspicion and use all endeavors to keep it so, but at the same time take pleasure in debauching their neighbors. No classes excepted, even preachers.

Nasty words in the pulpit is not frankness. It is a libel on frankness. It is a means of breaking down virtue instead of building it up. Only soft people suffer this or alike people.

Preachers or anybody else who use their positions as a cloak to conceal their roles are a menace to society.

Morality is no life service merely. Actions tell. The fact that the act is not seen is no argument in one's favor.

It is not the laity that needs all the watching.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. Harry Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette, passed through the city Saturday from the St. Louis Convention.

Rev. W. A. Bruce of Duluth, Minn., Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge of K. of P's., accompanied by Alonzo Burks of Chicago were in the city the first of the week on business.

James B. Raymond, alderman and police magistrate of Altoona, Pa., was the guest of his former schoolmate, Willis Bryant, the first of the week.

Messrs. Chas. Douglass, Robt. H. Terrell, Robt. Keys and Ex-Gov. Pinchback passed through the city Saturday enroute from St. Louis to Washington.

H. W. Johnston of Bahamas, Nassau, N. P., W. I., arrived in the city Monday from New York, leaving Wednesday for Fayette, Mo. He will remain in this country two months.

Allen Chapel Notes.

Rev. Collins preached a very stirring sermon last Sunday morning.

The Christian Endeavor is giving very great promises of success under its present management. The meetings are more largely attended and interest greatly increased. It meets every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Children's day was observed Sunday afternoon and evening. The church was handsomely festooned with plants, flowers, and evergreens. The afternoon exercises consisted of an address by Prof. Benson, songs and responsive readings. The exercises at 7:30 p. m., excelled all others. The essays, recitations and solos were creditably rendered.

Rev. A. L. Murray who has been sick for the past two or three weeks is convalescing.

Colored Benevolent Society.

The Colored Benevolent Society has excelled the expectations of its friends. Since the first of February the society has been able to look after all worthy, needy colored people who have applied to the charity organization for relief. So far the response to pledges by subscribers has been good. The number who subscribed and have since failed to meet their obligation is gratifyingly small. It is hoped that those knowing their obligations to be due will pay the same at an early a date as possible. At the expiration of the year in December a complete report of all monies received and relief given will be made, and the names and the names of all subscribers and of subscriptions paid will be given. All who have contributed to the extent of one dollar or more, will be entitled to vote for the selection of officers. Capt J. M. Porter of the Second National bank, is treasurer of the organization for the current year.

Emancipation Celebration.

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We are glad to have The Freeman in our midst and welcome it every week. Prof. L. A. Anderson, teacher in our public school, receives The Freeman every Friday. We are getting along nicely. The Emancipation celebration was held Friday, June 19th, and a grand time was had. Everything nice to eat was plentiful. Speeches were made by Prof. M. J. Johnson and Rev. J. L. Perrin, which were interesting, after which everybody took recreation and refreshments. We hope to have The Freeman every week.

Personal and Social Happenings.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

There was an entertainment given by the Baptists in the grove opposite the A. M. E. church, on the 13th, inst. Mrs. Alf Mansker left the city on the 13th. The K. of P. initiated Moses Wright on the 13th. Rev. E. W. Wallace, from Cairo, Ill., preached at the A. M. E. church on the 17th. A grand entertainment was given at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church on the 15th. L. D. Nelson has opened up an ice cream stand on Pine street. The Social Cornet band rendered music for the colored Republican club on the 15th. Emma Roberson, Lou Houston and Miss Julia Townsend have been ill. A charitable contribution was taken up at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church for Mr. Coleman, who has had serious misfortunes. Mrs. Savannah Bailey returned home from Lincoln College on the 20th. George Melon has accepted the position as clerk in the ice cream parlor. Elder Charles Hunter was in the city on the 19th. The True Elevens are expected to have their annual sermon on the 28th.

An Educational Mass Meeting.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.

The third quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. church was held here last Sunday. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, presiding elder was present. A large and attentive audience filled the A. M. E. church Sunday night to listen to the presiding elder. Rev. W. M. Collier recently of Roger Williams University, is now the newly installed pastor of the Baptist church. We welcome him to our midst. The county teachers' Institute held its annual session this week Prof. W. N. Deberry and Rev. J. A. Jones are instructors with an able corps of assistants. Many teachers from a distance are in attendance. Prof. Deberry is a recent graduate of Fisk University and was an efficient presiding officer and a fine scholar. He will teach the city school. Miss Betty Todd, Mr. C. M. Summerford and Rev. J. Jones returned last week from the State Teachers' Association, which met in Chattanooga. They expressed themselves as being delighted with the trip. Mesdames Todd and Lizzie Todd are on the sick list. Miss L. V. Floyd of Shelbyville attended the institute. The teachers closed the institute with an educational mass meeting and banquet on the 26th, at the A. M. E. church. Rev. H. L. P. Jones was a prominent figure among the pedagogues of the institute. The A. M. E. church is preparing for a grand rally on the first Sunday in July. The object is to beautify the church. Miss Mary L. Harris of Nashville, and Mrs. Deberry are visiting friends.

Temperance Club Organized.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Rev. I. T. Smith was summoned to Boulder on the 15th to see his brother. Mrs. T. Anderson is preparing to go to the valley for a few months rest. Sunday 14th was children's day at the A. M. E. church. Quite a some of money was raised. A. W. C. T. U. was organized among the ladies on the 15. J. S. Young, president; D. L. Robinson J. Caval first and second vices; M. V. McLead, secretary; Lulu Young, treasurer; Susan Anderson, corresponding secretary. The various committees will be appointed later. Madams D. L. Robinson, A. J. Young and J. Young went to Denver to attend the Ladies Grand Court, which convened in that city on the 23rd. Mrs. Cathrine Furgerson is able to be out again. The weather is fine. Mrs. J. H. Sheppard is indisposed. Mrs. Nannie Reynolds went to Denver on the 17th.

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